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WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, Commissioner WALES was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Riverside avenue.

From the COMPTROLLER, desiring to be furnished with a statement of the cost incurred by refilling portions of the Riverside Drive where the drive and embankment had settled and washed out, also an estimate of the probable cost of repairs in the future.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to the necessities for refilling on the Riverside avenue, and the cost of the same.

The Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the communication from the Engineer of Construction to the Comptroller for his information.

Banner poles—3d ave. and 148th st.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution directing the removal of banner poles from the corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and the restoration of the pavements and crosswalks taken up at the time of the erection of said poles.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to have the said poles removed.

John Barbee—Cinnamon bears.

From John Barbee, offering two cinnamon bears for sale.

Referred to the Director of the Menagerie to report upon.

Health Department—Drain in Grove street.

From the Health Department, submitting a copy of a report upon the condition of drain in Grove street, between Fordham and Madison avenues.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to examine and report upon.

Bronx river bridges—Plans.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan and reporting on the proper grades and locations for the proposed bridges to be built over the Bronx river at Williamsbridge, Fordham and Pelham avenues, Boston road, Samuel street and Westchester avenue.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish Mr. A. P. Boller, Engineer, with the information contained in said report.

Buckelew, P. R.—Resignation.

From the Topographical Engineer, inclosing the resignation of P. R. Buckelew, Assistant.

On motion, said resignation was accepted.

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Decker, N. H.—Rock in Transverse road.

From N. H. Decker, desiring permission to allow the rock excavated in Transverse road on Central Park at Seventy-ninth street, in laying of water-pipe, to remain where it is for one or two months.

Referred to Commissioner MACLEAN with power.

Kelly, Thomas, laborer—Restoration.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Thomas Kelly, laborer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that Thomas Kelly, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Ram, purchase of, recommended.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the purchase of a ram from Lord Walshingham's flock, at a cost not to exceed £25, for use in the flock of sheep belonging to the Department.

Referred to Commissioner LANE to report upon.

Lambs, exchange of, for Yak.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the exchange of lambs for a Yak.

Ordered filed.

Kirker, A. L.—Injunction.

A copy of a summons and complaint and injunction in the matter of Adolph L. Kirker against the Department of Public

Parks in relation to mooring floats at the Third Avenue bridge, over Harlem river, was received.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the papers be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to take the necessary proceedings in relation thereto.

Murphy, John—Restoration of.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a restoration ticket of John Murphy, laborer.

Referred to Commissioner MACLEAN to report upon.

Ladies' cottage, at Dairy—Cost of tank.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting the estimated cost of putting in a tank and pump to supply water to the Ladies' Cottage, near the Dairy.

Ordered, filed.

Steam rollers—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending that application be made to the Department of Public Works for the retention of the steam road-rollers borrowed from said Department, as the same are required in the work of macadamizing Sedgwick avenue and Southern Boulevard.

Referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE.

Crosswalks—Alexander avenue.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for laying crosswalks across Alexander avenue and intersecting streets, from One Hundred and Thirty-third to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and contracts for doing said work and submit the same to this Board for approval.

Dreyfoos, Joseph—Going on Park lawn.

From Joseph Dreyfoos, in relation to the rules of the Department prohibiting gentlemen from going on the lawn, at Central Park, near Seventy-second street, set aside for the use of nurses and children.

Referred to the Secretary to reply to and state that in the opinion of the Board the suggestions of Mr. Dreyfoos are inexpedient.

Sheep—Auction sale.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the disposal of one eight-year-old ram, five old ewes and thirty-two ram lambs from the flock of sheep at the Park.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE it was

Resolved, That one eight-year-old ram, five old ewes, and thirty-two ram lambs be sold at public auction.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE to fix the time for the sale.

Lenny, Patrick—Employment.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of Patrick Lenny for work in the laying of tar walks in the Central Park.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Lenny be and he is hereby appointed to assist in the laying of tar pavement on the Central Park at a compensation of \$2.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, at 9.30 A. M.

Keely, W. J.—For appointment.

From W. J. Keely, applying for the appointment of special detective on the police force of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Aquirre, A. A., lettering maps.....	Making maps 23d & 24th Wards. Dept. T. & A. 1880.....		\$20 63
Barber M. & Nephew, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		23 00
Bouker, John A., broken stone.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		514 10
Casey, James, boat.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		16 00
Coffin, P. C., hinges and rakes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$39 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 00	48 00
Coffin, P. C., ladders and wrench.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		23 75
Hawley, James C., petty disburse- ments.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$64 95	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	8 39	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	11 59	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	2 50	87 43

Hilton, E. G., rubber hose.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$47 50
Hilborn, Louis, harness.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		166 00
McGrath, Michael, contract, estimate No. 1.....	Fourth Av. Pks., Improv. of....		3,271 66
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, boiler plate..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		64 05
Murphy & Nesbit, lime and plaster ...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		6 20
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oil and sash tools.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$12 36	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	51	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. and M.	1 16	
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Rhineland, F. W., expenses Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums		2,382 67
Rohrey, John, repairs to harness.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...		6 05
Seymour, Wm. & Co., nails.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		21 35
Wright, R. J., hay, feed, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$516 66	
	Maint. Zool. Dept	189 34	
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White, Chas. W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$290 18	
	Walks, Central Park.....	77 50	
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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,765 35
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Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.....	\$1 16
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Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1880.....	20 63
	\$7,786 10

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and ten cents.

(Signed.) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 3, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed upon separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint, and Supplies.....	\$638 37	\$638 37
Everard, James, contract estimate 1. and final.....	Crosswalks, Willis avenue & 138th & 139th streets, etc., between Willis & Alexander avenues.		693 41
Morgan, J. P., Treasurer, expenses			
Mus. N. H.	Maint. Museums.		1,343 30
			\$2,675 08

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$638 37	
Maintenance Museums.....	1,343 30	
Crosswalks, Willis avenue and 138th and 139th streets, etc., between Willis and Alexander avenues.....	693 41	
		<u>\$2,675 08</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-six hundred and seventy-five dollars and eight cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 4, 1881.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Acting Superintendent.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean— 1.

Permission to plant trees—Riverside avenue.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That Messrs. Fleming Smith and Tripler have permission to plant elm trees on the outer edge of the side-

walk immediately in front of their property, between One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and Fourth streets on Riverside avenue, under the direction of the Superintending Gardener.

Riverside avenue—Sprinkling.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be and they are hereby authorized to employ three teams with sprinkling trucks for work on Riverside avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Goodwin, Thomas F.—Inspector Fourth Avenue Parks.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Thomas F. Goodwin, Inspector of granite work and masonry on Fourth Avenue Parks, be fixed at \$3.50 per day to take effect with present pay-roll.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner WALES laid before the Board a communication received by him from N. W. Green, in relation to sinking artesian wells in the Central Park, and making a proposition relative thereto.

Referred to Commissioner WALES to report upon.

On motion, at 10.30 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, MAY 10th, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE,
“ WALES,
“ MACLEAN,
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner WALES in the chair.

Fordham landing depot—Road.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to allow Messrs. John B. Haskins, B. P. Fairchild, Traphagan and others to appear before the Board and be heard in relation to improving the road leading from Sedgwick avenue to Fordham landing depot.

Electric Light—Madison and Union squares.

A. A. Hays, Jr., appeared before the Board and presented a petition, approved by the Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioner of Public Works, to be allowed to place poles in Madison and Union squares, for the purpose of the Brush Electric Light, which permission was granted and the matter of the location of the poles was referred to Commissioner MacLean with power.

Morrisania District, map of.

Mr. Abner Bartlett, representing the Astor estate, and Mr. Henry Lewis Morris representing himself and the Morris Land Company, appeared before the Board in relation to the plan for laying out a portion of the Morrisania District.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Counsel to the Corporation—Chap. 604, Laws of 1874.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the initiation of proceedings to acquire title to lands within the lines of Riverdale avenue, and recommending that no action be taken until the constitutionality of chapter 604, Laws of 1874, has been passed upon by the Court of Appeals.

Ordered filed.

Wm. Merkert—Grass Riverside Park.

From William Merkert and others, desiring permission to cut and remove the grass from the Riverside Park during the coming season, and offering \$50 for the privilege.

Commissioner WALES moved that William Merkert be granted permission to cut and remove the grass from Riverside Park under the direction of the Acting Superintendent of Parks during the present season, he paying the sum of \$50 to the Department for the privilege.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Pier and bulkhead lines—Harlem river.

From Lavinia Gould, desiring this Department to take action relative to establishing a pier and bulkhead line on the Harlem river, in order that she may build a crib bulkhead on

her property, between One Hundred and One Hundred and First streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Briggs, J. A.—Pay for sick time.

From Josiah A. Briggs, Surveyor, asking to be allowed seven days' pay of time lost by him during sickness.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that pay be allowed Josiah A. Briggs, for seven days' absence on account of sickness.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Samuel street bridge—Repairs.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the repairs necessary to be made to the bridge over the Bronx river at Samuel street ; that it be closed during repairs, and stating that the Supervisors of the County of Westchester recommend that hereafter all repairs that are necessary to be made to bridges over the Bronx river be made in conjunction with them.

On motion of Commissioner WALES the recommendations of the Supervisors of the County of Westchester and of the Acting Superintendent were approved, and the bridge ordered closed during repairs.

Crowe, J. C.—Restoration of.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of John C. Crowe, laborer detailed to office work, he having been absent from duty for three days.

Commissioner WALES moved that John C. Crowe, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

Riverside Park—Drainage of.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the complaint of T. F. Tone, relative to damage done his property by the imperfect drainage of Riverside Park and avenue, and recommending the work necessary to be done to remedy the same.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said report was referred back to the Acting Engineer of Construction to ascertain the estimated cost for doing said work.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the complaint of G. E. Dunlap, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum on Riverside avenue, relative to damage done the sewer leading from the asylum by the drainage from Riverside avenue.

Referred to Commissioner Wales to report upon.

Fencing lots—Fulton avenue and 168th street.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for filling in and fencing the sunken lots at Fulton avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner OLLIFFE be authorized to obtain bids for filling and fencing the sunken lots at the northeast corner of Fulton avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, and enter into an agreement with the lowest bidder for doing said work, at an expense less than

one thousand dollars, and in accordance with an ordinance of the Board of Aldermen, of date April 5, 1881, directing said work to be done.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Disposition of working force.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department for the two weeks ending May 7, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$580 77
Dahlman, Isaac H., horses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	525 00
Hatry, Jos. A., disinfectant.....	Maint. Zoological Department....	10 08
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. Zoological Department....	40 67
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zoological Department....	17 57
Tredwell, Jarman and Slote, clothing..	Police Supplies..	638 20
White, Chas. W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$43 00
	Laying Walks, Central Park...	26 30
	Maint. Zoological Department....	14 70
		\$84 00
		1,896 29

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,148 77
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	83 02
Police, Supplies.....	638 20
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	26 30
	\$1,896 29

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen hundred ninety-six dollars and twenty-nine cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 10, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps	Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A., 1880.....	\$18 05
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	1,000 50
Benoit, A. V., tracing cloth	Brook ave. sewer.	36 00
Benoit, A. V., lettering pencils.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	2 64
Coffin, P. C., bolts, pick handles, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	39 14

Davis, John W., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$15 75	
	Maint. Zoological Department....	36 75	\$52 50
Donaldson, Joseph, globes & chimneys..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		20 70
Frazer, J., animals and birds	Maint. Zoological Department....		43 00
Halsey, Geo. W., meal, soap, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		4 20
Keal, Thomas K., repairs to wagon....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		100 00
Kearney and Arnold, meat & vegetables..	Maint. Zoological Department....		252 55
McLaughlin, Thos. C., filling.....	Manhattan Sq. Improvement..		250 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Work, steel, iron, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		85 86
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		30 60
Raynolds C. T. & Co., paint, oil., etc...	Maint. Zoological Department....	5 00	
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	249 95	254 95
Shady Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. Zoological Department....		9 30
Stewart, A. T. & Co., gloves.....	Police, Supplies..		79 80
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Lay- ing out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	63 24	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	6 33	69 57
Van Winkle, E.B. petty disbursements.	Construction Brid- ges over Harlem river..		7 55
White, Chase W., spruce and posts....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		85 80
			<u>\$2,442 91</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,630 94
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	346 60
Police Supplies.....	79 80
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	250 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 20
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	63 24
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	6 33
Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, Department Taxes and Assessments, 1880.....	18 05
Brook avenue sewer.....	36 00
Construction Bridges over Harlem river.....	7 55
	\$2,442 71

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four hundred and forty-two dollars and seventy-one cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 9, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Lennon, Michael—Bill for storage.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the bill of Michael Lennon, amounting to \$250, for the storage of gravel, reported verbally that an examination of the matter showed that no order authorizing the storage of gravel had been issued, that the late Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards had acted

without authority, and that there is no authority for the payment of said bill.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN said report was referred back to Commissioner LANE, with the request that he confer with Mr. Lennon and report to this Board what settlement can be made in the matter.

Scully, Patrick.—Restoration of.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Scully, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, O'liffe—4.

Lenny, Patrick, corrected Lenny, William.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to the fact that through an inadvertence at the last meeting of the Board Patrick Lenny was appointed to assist in laying tar walks, and since then he had learned that the correct name is William Lenny, and moved that the correction be made, which was so ordered.

Crotty, Thomas, corrected Crotty, Patrick.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the name of Thomas Crotty, foreman, on duty in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, being found incorrect, was ordered changed to Patrick Crotty.

Transfer to City Record.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks hereby consents to the transfer of the sum of two thousand dollars

from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for the use of the Department of Public Parks, for police salaries for the year 1879, to the use of the Board of City Record, for the purpose of printing the minutes and documents of the Department of Public Parks from January 1, 1880.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Engineer—Employment of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That an engineer be employed to take care of and run the stone-breaker engine in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at a compensation of \$2.50 per diem, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select a competent person for such employment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Sprinkling trucks—Transfer of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That one of the sprinkling trucks employed for work on Riverside avenue, be temporarily transferred for work in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards when so required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Pay allowed for Sunday work.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That pay be allowed the following-named persons employed on Sunday, 8th instant, in repairing the Bridge over Cromwell's Creek at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street :

George Healey, carpenter	8	hours.
Wm. Chapman, laborer	8	"
James, Feeney, "	8	"
S. H. Hananer, "	8	"
Philip Quigsley, "	8	"
Wm. Kelly, "	8	"
Samuel McGill, "	8	"

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Steam road-roller—Commissioner of Public Works to loan.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to loan to this Department, temporarily, a steam roller for use on Sedgwick avenue.

Sedgwick avenue—Employees authorized.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That there be employed for work of maintenance and improvement of Sedgwick avenue :

1 Engineer, at	\$2	50	per day.
1 Foreman, at	3	50	"
40 Laborers, at	1	50	"
4 double teams, at	4	00	"

—and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select such persons for appointment.

Commissioner LANE moved to strike out that portion of the resolution authorizing Commissioners Wales and Olliffe to select such persons for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at 11.25 the Board went into executive session.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Herman Hendricks, gardener, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

Laid over.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Chas. B. Hoagland be promoted from gate-keeper to park-keeper.

Laid over.

On motion at 11.40 A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner MACLEAN was called to the chair.

Proposals for regulating and grading 158th st.—
Approaches to Madison avenue bridge.

In accordance with advertisements inserted in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for regulating and grading One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and for building the approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue.

Cram, H. A.

Mr. H. A. Cram appeared before the Board and objected to the opening of bids for the work of constructing the approaches to the Madison avenue bridge.

Cram, H. A.—To submit points of objections.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Cram be requested to submit to this Board, on or before Monday next, the points of his objections

in writing, and that when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Monday next at 2.30 P. M., and that the further consideration of the subject of opening proposals for building the approaches to the Madison avenue bridge be laid over until that time.

Proposals for 158th street opened.

The Comptroller of the City being present, the Board proceeded to open bids for the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue.

The following bids were received :

From James Everard.....	\$11,718 00
From B. C. Murray.....	8,127 00

The COMPTROLLER then retired.

Farragut Monument Association—Unveiling.

Mr. C. H. Marshall appeared before the Board on behalf of the Farragut Monument Association, and presented a communication asking the co-operation of the Department in the arrangements necessary for carrying out of the programme of ceremonies to be observed at the unveiling of the statue of Admiral Farragut, on Wednesday, May 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., and desiring the Department to erect a stand and furnish flags, etc., for the use of the Committee on that day.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner MacLean be authorized to represent the Department and to preside on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue of Admiral Farragut, and that the erection of the platform and all necessary arrangements be referred to Commissioner MacLean with power.

Kingsbridge Association—Resolutions, relative to improving roads.

Messrs. Barney, Ackerman, and Giles appeared before the Board and presented a copy of the following resolutions,

adopted at a meeting of the Kingsbridge Association, held May 14, 1881, which were received and laid over.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and hereby is respectfully requested to proceed at once with the work of repairing the streets in the 9th district, 4th section ; and,

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and hereby is respectfully requested to proceed at once with the work of repairing the streets in that part of the 8th district, section 4, lying west of Jerome avenue.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and hereby is respectfully requested to begin the work on Broadway, for which the special appropriation of \$15,000 has been made.

Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Drainage present these resolutions to the Commissioners at or before the meeting of the Board to be held May 18th instant, and tender the aid and co-operation of the Association to secure the most advantageous and economical expenditure of the sum set apart for this work.

Bicycle club—For permission to enter Central Park.

Messrs. Higgins and Thompson appeared before the Board and presented a petition signed by the Captains of the several bicycle clubs of the city, for permission to use bicycles in the Central Park.

Referred to Commissioners Wales and Lane to report upon.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

153d street—Ordinance to regulate, etc.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for regulating, grading, etc., One

Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

B. H. Rogers—Parade in Tompkins square.

From B. H. Rogers, desiring permission to allow a Sunday School to parade through Tompkins square.

Ordered filed.

Needham, G. G.—Sunday School Picnic.

From G. G. Needham, desiring permission for a Sunday School Picnic to be held in the Central Park on June 4, 1881.

Granted.

Boats on lake—Parties to use.

From Thomas S. Dick, requesting that the rule prohibiting the letting of row boats on the lake at Central Park, to private parties without the services of boatmen, be modified.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That T. S. Dick be allowed, during the pleasure of the Board, to permit in his discretion, persons to use boats without an accompanying boatman, provided that such persons be informed that they may not leave the boats save at the place where the same are taken, and that a notice to that effect be placed in the boats.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Bowen, James—Condition of Third avenue.

From James Bowen, in relation to the condition of Third avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-third street, caused by

the regulating and grading of Third avenue and not replacing the flagging.

Ordered filed.

Museum Natural History—Sundays.

From the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, relative to the subject of opening the museums on the Central Park to the public on Sunday.

Ordered filed.

Foreman Johnson—Allowed pay.

From Foreman Johnson, asking to be allowed pay for the 9th instant, time lost by him in consequence of a death in the family.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that pay be allowed foreman Johnson for the 9th instant.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Johnson, A. J.—Bay-window.

From Alvin J. Johnson, desiring permission to erect a bay-window on his property on Fifth avenue near Sixty-sixth street.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to Alvin J. Johnson to erect a bay-window in front of the house now in course of erection by him on Fifth avenue, seventy-five feet north of Sixty-sixth street, said bay-window not to project over four feet beyond the house front-line of said avenue.

Sampson, Wm. S.—To take photograph.

From William S. Sampson, desiring permission to obtain a photograph of a scrap of old parchment taken from Charles Stevens.

Granted.

Lamps in Central Park--Protest.

From the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company, protesting against the lighting of Central Park by the Automatic Gas Lamp Company, unless others are granted a similar privilege.

Referred to Commissioners Wales and Lane to report upon.

Transverse roads—Cost of repair.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting the estimated cost of improving and repairing the transverse roads through Central Park.

Laid over.

Wool—Sale of.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending that the sheep belonging to the Department be shorn and the wool sold.

Referred to Commissioner Lane with power.

Pavement—Madison and Union square.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting the estimated number of square feet of pavement necessary to be laid on Madison and Union squares.

Referred to Commissioner Lane.

Odorless water-closets.

From B. F. Ryder, proposing to furnish four "odorless" water-closets to the Department for use in the Arsenal.

Referred to Commissioner Lane to examine and report upon.

Sewer—139th street.

From Mrs. Ann Bullack, J. F. Alwaire and other property owners petitioning for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between Third and Willis avenues.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

McDonough, B.—For increase of pay.

From Barney McDonough, laborer at Cooper Union Park, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Briggs and Valentine—Bill of.

Commissioner OLLIFFE presented a bill of W. H. Briggs and Dennis Valentine, amounting to \$90, for rent of building, stable and yard at Fordham, for three months ending March 31, 1881, and moved that the same be approved and sent to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Grove street—Report on opening.

Commissioner OLLIFFE, to whom was referred the matter of the opening of Grove street in order to facilitate the drainage of the adjoining district, presented a report stating that upon conferring with the attorney for the owners of the property they have consented to cede the same to the city as a public street, and that the legal formula has already been initiated for acquiring title to said property, which report was accepted and ordered filed.

Bradly, Charles—Substitution of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the name of Charles Bradly be substituted for that of James Claire, driver of double team, employed in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Secretary deposit money.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to deposit with the City Chamberlain the money now on hand received from permits, license fees, etc.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Murphy, John—Restoration.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Murphy, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

McCready, Patrick—Restoration.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick McCready, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

Lennon, Michael—Bill of.

Commissioner LANE to whom was referred the bill of Michael Lennon for storage of gravel, presented a report and recommended the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the bills of Michael Lennon for dockage and storage of gravel, from November 1, 1880, to this date, for \$300, be audited and allowed at \$200, and the same to be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed at once to remove the gravel and broken stone now on the dock of Michael Lennon, belonging to the Department.

Laid over.

Acting Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next regular meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Ram, purchase of, authorized.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred the consideration of the communication of the Director of the Menagerie recommending the purchase of a ram from the flock of Lord Walshingham, and stating that it would be necessary to open a correspondence in relation to the matter, and recommended that he be authorized to purchase a ram at an expense not exceeding thirty guineas.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Hendricks, Herman—To restore.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Herman Hendricks, gardener, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Hoagland, C. B.—Promotion to Park-keeper.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Charles B. Hoagland, be promoted from Gate-keeper to the position of Park-keeper.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beattie, John, Estimate No. 11.....	Construct'n Bridges over Harlem river.....	\$2,803 00
Devlin, John B., Estimate No. 4.....	Sewers in 142d st., from Alex'r ave. to Brook ave., etc.....	1,116 33
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1....	137th st. sewer, from 3d ave. to Summit, E. of Willis ave., etc.,	1,166 03
		\$5,085 36

RECAPITULATION.

Construction Bridges over Harlem river.....	\$2,803 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	2,282 36
	\$5,085 36

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand and eighty-five dollars and thirty-six cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 18, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Brenner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$5 50
Bertine, Edwin R., bunting.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		8 00
Coffin, P. C., spikes, nails, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		31 25
Egan, K., & Co., waste.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		6 00
Gardner & Co., seats.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		17 24
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		15 52
Harmer, Hayes & Co., brushes, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		18 00
McGrath, Michael, Estimate No. 2... Fourth ave Parks, Imp. of.....			3,271 66
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$33 50	
	Maint., Zool. Dept.	5 75	
			39 25
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		81 90
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels,.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. & M.....		56 74
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement.....	Laying Walks Cen- tral Park.....		323 20
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., asphaltum, varnish, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$16 25	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	13 50	
			29 75
Wright, R. J., oats, corn, and hay....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		106 27
			<u>\$4,010 28</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$233 16	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	125 52	
Laying walks, Central Park.....	323 20	
Harlem river Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	56 74	
Fourth avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	3,271 66	
		\$4,010 28

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand and ten dollars and twenty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 17, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Riverside avenue—Drainage of.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the report of the Acting Engineer of Construction upon the complaint of G. E. Dunlap, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum on Riverside avenue, relative to the damage claimed to have been done the sewer leading from said asylum, reported adversely to the work recommended to be done by the Acting Engineer of Construction, which report was accepted and approved.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare a plan and specifications and submit the same to this Board with his recommendations of the best method in his opinion of improving Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Cement—Investigation ordered.

Commissioner WALES called the attention of the Board to a communication he had received, stating that an order had been issued for a quantity of cement, that the bill for the same had been audited and paid, that the whole quantity of cement had not been received, and recommended that the subject be referred to a committee for investigation, which recommendation was approved of, and the Chairman appointed Commissioners OLLIFFE and WALES as such committee.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE at 1.50 o'clock the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 2.30 P. M.

By unanimous consent, at 1.50 P. M. the Board was called to order by Commissioner MacLean.

Present—Commissioners LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner WALES was called to the chair.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN the Board took a recess until 2.30 o'clock.

At the hour of 2.30 o'clock the Board reconvened.

Present—Commissioners LANE.
“ WALES.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner WALES in the chair.

Madison avenue bridge approaches—Proposals for, opened.

The Comptroller of the City being present, the Board proceeded to open the bids received at the last meeting, for building the approaches to the Madison avenue bridge over the Harlem river.

The following bids were received :

Freel & McNamee.....	\$132,920 00
Peter Golden.....	109,510 00
James Everard	102,610 00
John McQuade	94,620 00

Cram, H. A.—Objections.

The written objections of Mr. H. A. Cram, to the construction of the trestle approach to the Madison avenue bridges, were read.

When, on motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the written objections of Mr. H. A. Cram, to the construction of the trestle approach to the Madison avenue bridge be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion, and that the further consideration of bids for the building of such trestle work be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Friday next, 27th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

The Comptroller then retired.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Lincoln avenue—Crosswalks.

The following communications were received.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for laying a crosswalk across Lincoln avenue at the intersection of the Southern Boulevard and other streets.

Laid over.

Cooper Union—Loan of plants.

From J. C. Zachos, Curator of the Cooper Union, desiring the Department to loan plants and cuttings to decorate the halls of the Cooper Union upon the occasion of the Annual Art Exhibition.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that said request be granted.
Lost.

Guion, B. R.—Leave of absence.

From B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, asking for a leave of absence with pay for the 20th instant.

Granted.

Whiting, J. R.—Grade of street.

From J. R. Whiting, in relation to establishing the grade of the road running west of his property as shown on a map presented by him.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer.

Globe Gas Light Co.—Protest.

From the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company, protesting against the lighting of the Drives in Central Park by the Automatic Gas Lamp Company.

Referred to the Committee having that subject in charge.

Decoration Day—Leave of absence.

From Col. G. W. M. Leonard, requesting that leave of absence for Decoration Day be granted to such Veterans of the Mexican War as may be employed in the Department.

Granted.

Disposition of force.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department for the two weeks ending May 21, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Hammil, J. B.—Picnic.

From J. B. Hammil and W. J. Gilmore, desiring permission for a Sunday School picnic in Central Park on Thursday, 26th instant.

Granted.

Coaching Club—Parade.

From William Jay, stating that the Annual Parade of the Coaching Club will take place on the 28th instant, and requesting that the usual instructions be given to the Park Keepers in relation to the same.

The usual instructions to the Park Police were ordered issued.

Coe, J. B.—Sunday School parade.

From Joseph B. Coe, desiring permission for a Sunday School parade in Central Park on the 26th instant.

Granted.

Secretary deposit moneys.

From the Secretary, presenting a statement of the moneys deposited by him with the City Chamberlain in accordance with the order of the Board, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes as follows :

Statement and Return of Moneys deposited with Chamberlain May 18, 1881.

PERMITS.

1881.		
April 23.	S. Cardwell, sewer connection.....	\$10 00
“ 29.	P. Graff, “ “	10 00
May 2.	Geo. Smith “ “	10 00
“ 10.	Sedwell Randel, sewer connection.....	10 00
“ 10.	A. B. Van Duesen, “ “	10 00
“ 10.	Germania Life Ins. Co., sewer connection.....	10 00
“ 11.	Gilbert Wilson, “ “	10 00
“ 11.	Jas. O’Kane, “ “	10 00
“ 14.	W. Conygham, “ “	10 00
“ 17.	I. M. Clock, “ “	10 00
		<hr/> \$100 00

LICENSES.

1881.		
May 5.	Isidor Isaac, carrousal and goat carriages.....	\$35 30
" 9.	John Lucas, donkey service.....	9 79
" 10.	Jos. I. Snow, pony service.....	3 96
" 14.	Wm. Kyle, boat service.....	1 38
		\$50 43

SPECIAL FUND REPAVING.

April 23.	Thos. Barrett, permit No. 199.....	10 00	
" 25.	A. McLean, Croton tap.....	6 00	
		16 00	

GRASS.

May 11.	Wm. Merkert, Riverside Park.....	50 00	50 00
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SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

May 16.	Van Tassell & Kearney.....	378 90	
		378 90	
			\$595 33

Sewer—139th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition from Mrs. Ann Bullack and others for a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between Third and Willis avenues.

Referred back to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and contract for said work, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Broadway—Plans for improvement.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan and specifications for improving Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications this day submitted to this Board, by the Acting Engineer of Construction, for improving Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward, from the road leading to the Kingsbridge Station, to the northern boundary line of the city—excepting as to the transverse sections shown on the plan as “section 2” and “section 3,”

be hereby adopted, and the Secretary be directed to issue the necessary advertisements for proposals for doing the work in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Laid over.

Murray, B. C.—Sewer in 158th street.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of Bernard C. Murray, for regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging sidewalks on One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, amounting to \$8,127, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved a contract be entered into with said Murray for doing said work, and that Commissioner Olliffe be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Music.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the concerts on the Central Park commence on Saturday, the 28th May, instant, and that the hour for the beginning of the concerts, until further ordered, be fixed at four o'clock. That the concerts on the Battery Park commence on Friday, the 3d June, proximo.

Lennon Michael—Storage bill.

Commissioner LANE called up the following resolutions offered by him and laid over at the last meeting :

Resolved, That the bill of Michael Lennon, for dockage and storage of gravel, from November 1, 1880, to this date, for \$300, be audited and allowed at \$200, and the same transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Stone to be removed from dock.

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed, at once, to remove the gravel and broken stone now on the dock of Michael Lennon, belonging to the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Police to prevent street openings.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Department of Police be notified that parties are in the habit of tearing up the streets, roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards at their own pleasure and without consulting or gaining permission from this Department, thereby causing annoyance and inconvenience; and respectfully request the Department of Police to give directions to the Police in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to prohibit such depredations and allow no street opening or excavation in streets, roads or avenues in these wards to be made without the consent of this Department having been, in writing, first obtained.

Swings in Park.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the subject of conducting the swings on the Central Park was referred to Commissioner Wales, with power.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 3.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner MACLEAN in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bids—Madison avenue bridge approach.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the opening of bids for building the trestle work of the eastern approach to the Madison avenue Bridge was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

142d street—Regulating and grading.

The following communications were received.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for regulating and grading One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Willis and Brook avenues.

Ordered filed.

134th street—Regulating and grading.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue.

Ordered filed.

135th street—Flagging.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for flagging the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, one hundred and fifty feet east of Willis avenue.

Ordered filed.

141st street—Sewer.

A petition was received from C. H. Longstreet, Mrs. A. Blake and other property owners for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Alexander and Willis avenues.

Ordered filed.

Germicides.

From the Germicide Company, presenting bills amounting to \$49.44, and \$14.10 for the care and inspection of Germicides.

Commissioner LANE moved that notice be given the Germicide Company that their services in furnishing chemicals and inspection of the Germicides in the Department are no longer required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Steam road-rollers—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the necessity of having steam road-rollers for macadamizing purposes, and recommending that the Department purchase the same.

Referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE.

Sprinkling Jerome avenue.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to sprinkling Jerome avenue during the spring meeting at Jerome Park, commencing on the 30th instant.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Jerome avenue be watered on each of the race days of the coming meeting at Jerome Park, from the Central bridge to the entrance to said park. That there be transferred to perform duty on said work one steam engineer and one laborer to act as watchman for the engine and pump.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Parks be authorized to transfer two monitors from Riverside avenue, and one steam engineer and one laborer to and for service upon Jerome avenue, upon the written request of the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Commissioner LANE offered the following amendment :

After the word resolved, insert as follows : That for the purpose of sprinkling Jerome avenue on race days at the coming meeting at Jerome Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Pay of laborers—Cleaning sewers.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending that the pay of laborers employed in cleaning sewers be increased.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of John McGuinness, Jno. Kenny and Michael Devine, laborers, employed in cleaning sewers in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be fixed at \$1.75 per day each, while they are so employed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Kelly, James—Restoration.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of James Kelly, laborer.

Laid over.

Suspension of men.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Ordered filed.

Museum Natural History—Sundays.

From the American Museum of Natural History, in relation

to the subject of opening the Museums on the Central Park, to the public, on Sunday.

Ordered filed.

McAlpine, W. J.—Re-enter upon duties.

From William J. McAlpine, stating his desire to re-enter upon his duties in the Department, and asking that the leave of absence granted him be extended to date.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Children on lawns.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That children under the age of ten years and their female attendants be allowed on the lawn in Mt. Morris square, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Double teams—Employment of.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of three double teams for hauling gravel on the Central Park be and the same is hereby authorized, and that it be referred to Commissioners Wales and Olliffe to select the same for appointment.

Commissioner LANE moved as an amendment that the name of Commissioner Lane be inserted after that of Commissioner Olliffe.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the nega-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at 10.45 o'clock the Board adjourned.

D. PORTER LORD,
Acting Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner MACLEAN was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Monday next, at three o'clock P. M.

Proposals—Approach to Madison avenue bridge.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the opening of proposals for building the trestle-work of the eastern approach to the Madison avenue bridge be postponed until the meeting of the Board to be held on 6th inst., at three o'clock P. M.

Wright, Green—Claim of.

Ernest Hall appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the claim of Green Wright, contractor, for regula-

ting and grading Third avenue, for a reduction in the allowance of time for Inspector's fees on said work.

On motion, said subject was referred back to Commissioner Wales, to examine and make a further report thereon, and Mr. Hall was requested to confer with Commissioner Wales in relation to the same.

Bicycles and tricycles.

Commissioner WALES, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of bicyclers and tricyclers for permission to enter the Central Park, presented a report and recommended that they be allowed to enter the Central Park during specified hours and restrictions, and moved that said report be received and the recommendations as contained therein be adopted.

Commissioner LANE, from the same committee, presented a report dissenting from the recommendations contained in the report of Commissioner Wales, and moved as a substitute that the report made by him be adopted, and the report of Commissioner Wales denied.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to the motion of Commissioner WALES, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Macy, R. H. & Co.—Free drinking fountain.

The following communications were received :

From R. H. Macy & Co., offering to erect a free drinking fountain on Union Square.

Referred to Commissioner WALES to report upon.

Farragut Monument.

From Charles H. Marshall, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements of the Farragut Monument Association, thanking the Commissioners for their assistance and co-operation in arranging for the unveiling of the statue of Farragut.

Ordered filed.

Valentine, W. S.—Presenting Pyramid.

From W. S. Valentine, Commercial Agent of the Republic of Honduras, presenting to the Department a Pyramid, composed of different kinds of wood from Honduras.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the said Pyramid was accepted, and the Secretary was directed to communicate to Mr. Valentine the thanks of the Department for the same.

Carpenter, Henry—Pay for lost time.

From Henry Carpenter, Messenger, asking to be allowed pay for time lost by him during sickness.

Ordered filed.

Cushing, G. M.—Pay for lost time.

From George M. Cushing, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for time lost by him during sickness.

Ordered filed.

Jackson, W. N.—Pay for lost time.

From William N. Jackson, Assistant, asking to be allowed pay for time lost by him during sickness.

Ordered filed.

Sewer, 142d street—Payment on.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, recommending that the Comptroller be requested to withhold payment on the last estimate given for the work of constructing the sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, until such time as the contractor shall have begun the work of clearing up the street.

On motion, the Comptroller was requested to withhold the payment of said estimate until the further order of the Board.

Burke, James—Discharged.

From Acting Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the suspension of James Burke, laborer, for disobedience of orders in refusing to perform the work to which he was detailed.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said Burke was discharged from the employ of the Department.

Transfer of men.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, stating that he had transferred twenty men from the maintenance force to assist in laying tar pavement and recommending the employment of additional men to assist in laying tar walks.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of Parks be authorized to transfer from the maintenance force to the work of laying tar pavements, thirty-five laboring men.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Laborers—Employment.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of fifteen laboring men be and is hereby authorized for work on the parks, and that Commissioners Olliffe and Wales be authorized to select such men.

Commissioner LANE moved, as an amendment, that the name of Commissioner Lane be inserted after that of Commissioner Wales.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Noes—Commissioner Lane—1.

Carpenters—Extra time allowed.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending that one day extra time be allowed each of the ten carpenters who were employed over time in erecting the stand on Madison square for use at the unveiling of the statue of Farragut.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That one day's pay be allowed each of the ten carpenters, for overtime, who were employed in erecting the stand on Madison square for use in unveiling the Farragut statue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sewers—Plans of, approved.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for constructing sewers in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from Brook to Third avenue, and in Courtland avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-first street, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, and for laying crosswalks in Alexander avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That said plans and specifications be and they are hereby approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert in the *City Record* advertisements inviting proposals for doing said works.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Southern boulevard—Improving of.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the work of repairing and improving the Southern boulevard and recommending the employment of one foreman, four double teams, and twenty laborers for said work.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of one foreman, four double teams and twenty laborers for work on the Southern Boulevard be and is hereby authorized, and that it be referred to Commissioners Wales and Olliffe to select the same.

Commissioner LANE moved as an amendment that the name of Commissioner Lane be inserted after that of Commissioner Olliffe.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Stokes, Miss—Presenting fountain.

From Miss Olivia Phelps Stokes, presenting to the city the drinking fountain erected by her on Madison square.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioner Lane a committee to communicate to Miss Stokes the thanks of the Department.

Trees—Riverside Park.

From J. W. Toucey, General Superintendent N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R., desiring permission to cut down and remove several trees on Riverside Park which are in a dangerous condition.

Referred to Commissioner LANE to report upon.

McGee, Mrs.—Ladies' maid, Tompkins square.

From Mrs. J. E. McGee, applying for the position of ladies' maid at the the cottage in Tompkins square.

Ordered filed.

Buffaloes, zebus—Sale of.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the sale of three zebus and two African buffaloes.

On motion of Commissioner WALES the subject was referred to the Chairman to examine and report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Baker & McKinney, wreaths.....	Police	\$20 50
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	55 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	844 81
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	632 43
Budd, John J., putty.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	2 50
Colgate & Co., laundry soap.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$5 58
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	36
		<hr/> 5 94
Cohn, A. B., grass seed and mower parts.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	154 55
Davenport, A. B., helmets.....	Police	247 50
Davis, John W., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$10 50
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	15 75
		<hr/> \$26 25

Early & Lane, brooms	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$22 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	1 33	
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	67	
		<hr/>	\$24 00
Eickwort, Louis, castor oil, etc	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		95
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., harness leathers	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		8 97
Harmer, Hays & Co., shoe thread	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		2 61
Nathan, I. I., monkeys	Maint. Zool. Dept.		24 00
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., salaries, etc., Museum of Art	Maint. Museums.		1,533 16
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber cloth	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		4 27
Seymour, W. N. & Co., spikes, nails, etc.	Harlem R. Bdg. Reps., I. & M..	\$39 80	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	4 00	
		<hr/>	43 80
Seaman, John A., Manila rope	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$7 42	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	2 52	
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	2 52	
		<hr/>	12 46
Tysen, David J., Jr., turnips, etc	Maint. Zool. Dept.		327 70
White, Chas. W., lumber	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$74 00	
	4th Ave. Parks, Improvem't of.	25 40	
		<hr/>	99 40
Wright, R. J., corn, oats, and salt	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$570 36	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	2 00	
		<hr/>	572 36
		<hr/>	<u>\$4,643 16</u>

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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$2,340 00
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	98 35
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	373 30
Police, Salaries, Supplies.....	268 00
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 95
Maintenance Museums.....	1,533 16
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	25 40
	————— \$4,643 16

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-six hundred and forty-three dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements..Labor, Maint. and		
Supplies.....	\$68 65	
Maint. Zoological		
Department....	5 44	
	—————	\$74 09

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$68 65
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	5 44
	————— \$74 09

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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-four dollars and nine cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Ryder, B. F.—Water-closets.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred the communication of B. F. Ryder, proposing to furnish odorless water-closets for the use of the Department, presented a report relative to work necessary to put in good order all the water-closets and urinals in the Arsenal, and reporting adversely to the Ryder Water-closets.

Laid over.

Acting Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Manhattan square—Comptroller provide funds.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, be and he is hereby requested to provide the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be applied to the labor and material for the completion of the entrances into Central Park on Eighth avenue at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, and between said streets, as provided by chapter 324, Laws of 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Approval of refreshment house bill.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Board governing the Department of Public Parks approves of the bill passed by the legislature and now before the Governor for his signature, known as Senate Bill 398, authorizing the erection of a refreshment house on the Central Park, and providing means therefor, and earnestly request His Excellency, Governor Cornell, to approve of said bill, that it may become a law.

License fees—Corporation Counsel to give opinion.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to inform the Department, if in his opinion it can authorize the deduction of the sum of \$53.00 from the license fee now due the Department from C. Ryan, said sum of \$53 being an amount claimed by said Ryan to have been expended by him on building used by him.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to report to the Board an opinion as to whether the Department of Public Parks have authority to deduct from the

license fee of licensees such sums as the Board may authorize to be expended in the repair and erection of buildings used by said licensees.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to the original resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 12 o'clock, M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 3 P. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE,
“ WALES,
“ MACLEAN,
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner MACLEAN in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Museum Natural History Trustees—Improvement Manhattan square.

Mr. J. M. Constable appeared before the Board and presented a communication from the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting the Department to employ Julius Munckwitz as architect to prepare all the necessary plans and specifications for the entrances into Central Park at Eighth avenue and Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, and other improvements authorized by chapter 324 of the Laws of 1881, and to superintend the execution of said work.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Museum of Natural History be approved, and that Julius Munckwitz be employed to prepare the necessary plans and supervise the work for the improvement of the

approaches to the Central Park as provided in chapter 324, Laws of 1881, and at the rate of compensation specified in the said communication, viz.: four per cent. on the amount expended, to be paid to him for his services out of the funds provided for in said act.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Proposals—Approaches to Madison avenue bridge.

The following communications were received :

From the COMPTROLLER, in relation to the award of the contract for building the approaches to the bridge over Harlem river at Madison avenue.

Award of contract.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of John McQuade for building the approaches to the Madison avenue bridge over Harlem river, amounting to \$94,620, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved a contract be entered into with said John McQuade for doing said work, and that Commissioner Olliffe be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Reeve, E. H. & Co.—Claim of.

From the COMPTROLLER, inclosing a voucher in favor of E. H. Reeve & Co., amounting to \$102.59, for supplies furnished

this Department in 1872, which was not paid on account of the exhausted appropriation for "Maintenance" for that year, and stating that a transfer from the unexpended balance of some other appropriation will be necessary for the purpose of paying said bill.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Steam road-roller.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in reply to a resolution of this Board, requesting the loan of a steam road-roller.

Ordered filed.

Guion, B. R.—Leave of absence.

From B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, asking for a leave of absence with pay for the 3d instant.

Commissioner WALES moved that a leave of absence be granted B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, for the 3d instant with pay.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Sewers, plans for—Approved.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for sewers and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets, between Third avenue and Brook avenue, and in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-

sixth streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, and in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between College and Third avenues.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That said plans and specifications be and they are hereby approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert in the *City Record* advertisements inviting proposals for doing said works.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Counsel to Corporation—Opinion on objections of H. A. Cram.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, presenting his opinion in relation to the objections of H. A. Cram to the construction of the trestle approach to the Madison avenue bridge.

Proposals, approach to Madison avenue bridge—Not to open.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks does not deem it for the best interest of the city to at this time open the proposal received on the 18th May last for building the trestle approach to the Madison avenue bridge, and that the Engineer of Construction be directed to re-examine the plans for said approach and report to this Board what modifications and alterations can be made whereby the objections made by the property owners interested can be obviated.

Madison avenue bridge—Superstructure.

From Alfred P. Boller, submitting a preliminary sketch for the superstructure of the Madison avenue bridge.

Ordered filed.

Bonnett, C. P.—Resignation of.

From Charles P. Bonnett, Assistant to the Engineer of Construction, resigning his position.

Accepted.

Bontecou, D.—Leave of absence.

From Daniel Bontecou, Assistant Engineer, asking for a vacation from the 10th to the 20th instant.

Commissioner WALES moved that Daniel Bontecou, Assistant Engineer, be granted a vacation from the 10th to the 20th instant.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board, voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Riverside avenue—Cost of improving.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting an approximate estimate of the cost of improving and repaving the Riverside avenue.

Ordered filed.

Disposition of force.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending June 4, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Charges against Alex. Girvin, Barrow Bennett, Wm. B. Stone.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom was referred for investigation the charges made against members of the Police force of the Department, reported and recommended in the case of Alex. Girvin, charged with intoxication, that Alex. Girvin, Gate-keeper, be dismissed from the force of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Noes—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

In the case of Gate-keeper Barrow Bennett, charged with neglect of duty and violation of rules, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that said charge be dismissed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

In the case of Park-keeper William B. Stone, charged with being absent from roll-call.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that said Stone be fined one-half day's pay.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps.....Making Maps, etc.
23d and 24th
Wards, 1880..

\$10 69

Albemarle Fertilizer Co., fertilizer.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$50 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying Walks, Central Park ..	392 78
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	572 88
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	11 00
Bulger, James, Jr., force pump.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	25 50
Candee & Smith, sand and cement....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	32 90
Coffin, Paul C., sundries	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	80 33
Everard, James, crosswalks.....	Lay'g crosswalks Courtland ave., etc.....	2,001 79
Hoyt, I. B. & Co., belting	Harlem river Br., Reps. Impt. and Maint.....	65 69
Manning, John W., earth filling	Manhattan Sq., Imp. of.....	600 00
Mallen, Owen, blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	21 20
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses		
Mus. N. H.....	Maint. Museums.	1,343 30
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, pails, roller, etc.....	Laying Walks of, Central Park... Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$15 57 4 50
		<hr/> 20 07
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron and plumb- ing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	43 97
Nolan & McGrath, stone roller.....	Laying Walks in Central Park..	20 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oil, brushes, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	48 68
Stackpole & Brother, plumb-bobs.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	10 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., spikes.....	Bronx Riv. Bdgs.	21 90

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Tatham & Brothers, lead-pipe, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$66 48
White, Chas. W., white oak	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	35 71
		<u>\$5,474 87</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$977 45
Maintenance, Museums	1,343 30
Laying Walks, etc., Central Park	428 35
Manhattan Square, Improvement of	600 00
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards	25 70
Bronx River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint	21 90
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs. Impt. and Maint	65 69
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A., 1880	10 69
Laying Crosswalks, Courtland ave., etc., from 3d ave. to 156th st.	2,001 79
	<u>\$5,474 87</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-four hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty-seven cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 6, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Kelly, James; McGovern, John—Restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That James Kelly, laborer in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and John McGovern, laborer on the Central Park, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, at 4.45 o'clock, P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE,
“ WALES,
“ MACLEAN,
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner LANE was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

144th street—Flagging.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for flagging, curbing, etc., One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Willis and St. Ann's avenues.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and specifications for doing the work.

Bronx river bridges—Lamps on.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to erecting public lamps on the bridges across the Bronx river at Samuel street at Westchester avenue.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the Commissioner of Public Works was authorized to lay service-pipes in the

abutments of the bridges over the Bronx river at Samuel street and Westchester avenue for the public lamps during the course of construction of the abutments for said bridges.

Health Department—Water-closets, Casino ; drain at Mill Brook.

From the Health Department, enclosing copies of Sanitary Inspector's reports complaining of the condition of the water-closets at the Casino in Central Park, and in relation to a drain at Mill Brook and One Hundred and Forty-first street.

Commissioner WALES presented a plan for a water-closet at the Casino and a communication from the Superintending Architect in relation to the same.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the report respecting the condition of water-closets at the Casino in Central Park, was laid over, and the Superintending Architect was directed to report within what time after the removal of the old closet, the new one can be made ready for use. The report respecting the drain at Mill Brook and One Hundred and Forty-first street, was referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Haight, S. S.—Leave of absence.

From S. S. Haight, Assistant Engineer, asking for leave of absence for eight days.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That S. S. Haight, Assistant Engineer, be granted a leave of absence for eight days on account of his summer vacation.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Draper, Daniel—Leave of absence.

From Daniel Draper, asking for a leave of absence for two months.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That leave of absence be granted Daniel Draper, for two months with pay, provided Professor Henry Draper will perform his duties during his absence.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Hyland, T. A.—Picnic.

From Rev. T. A. Hyland, asking for permission for a Sunday-school to hold a picnic in Central Park on 18th instant.

Granted.

Hays, J. W.—Stand at Battery.

From J. W. Hays, in relation to erecting a stand, adjoining one of the pillars of the Elevated Railway at the foot of Whitehall street, for the purpose of receiving orders for hacks.

Laid over.

Monuments.

From the Topographical Engineer, in relation to the supply of street monuments necessary to enable him to continue his work.

Referred back to the Topographical Engineer to confer with the contractor for furnishing said monuments.

Riverside drive—Cost of drainage.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting the estimated cost of doing the work of completing the drainage

of Riverside avenue as recommended in his report at the last meeting.

Ordered filed.

Suspension of men.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Ordered filed.

Mulvehill, John—Restoration.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of John Mulvehill, laborer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that John Mulvehill, laborer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

O'Keefe, David—Restoration.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That David O'Keefe, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Carpenters on Central bridge.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to the slow progress made by carpenters employed in repairing the Central bridge, and recommending that two carpenters and two laborers be retained for continued employment on the bridge, and that the others be discharged.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to suspend such carpenters and laborers employed in repairing Central bridge as he may deem best, and report his action to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Grade map adopted.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting for adoption and filing, a grade and monument map of a certain new street passing through the property of J. R. Whiting.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, of the City of New York, by chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, and 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, establish, and classify that portion of a certain avenue or street, of the width, extent, direction, grade and class as shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan and Profiles showing a portion of an avenue about 900 feet east of the Hudson River Railroad, and about 21,000 feet north of the south line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York," dated "New York, June 15, 1881," and signed "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, Department of Public Parks," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks;" the same being such as the said Commis-

sioners or a majority of them deem most conducive to the public good, and that Smith E. Lane, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file the said plan and profiles in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Police—Art Museum.

From A. Duncan Savage, Assistant Director Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking that eight policemen be detailed to the Art Museum Building, to assist in keeping order on the Fourth of July.

Referred to Commissioner WALES, with power.

Lawn Tennis.

From the Lennox Lawn Tennis Club, desiring permission to play lawn tennis in Central Park one day in each week.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, said application was denied, and the Secretary was directed to communicate to the Lennox Lawn Tennis Club, the reasons of the Department for such denial.

McGovern, J. J.—For increase of pay.

From James J. McGovern, Painter in charge, asking for an increase of compensation.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Dunn, Michael—For position of foreman.

From Michael Dunn, applying for the position of foreman on the work on the Southern Boulevard.

Referred to the Committee appointed to select men for work on the Southern Boulevard.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Butler, Thomas L., relaying pavement. Special Fund re-	
repaving.....	\$108 00
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	\$108 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and eight dollars.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } Auditing
 WM. M. OLLIFFE, } Committee.

NEW YORK, June 14, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and supplies.....	\$585 48
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and supplies.....	629 97
Mott, J. L., iron works, settees, etc...	Labor, Maint. and supplies.....	\$863 26
	Laying walks, etc., Central Park.....	10 75
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		\$2,089 46
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$2,078 71	
Laying walks, etc., Central Park.....	10 75	
		\$2,089 46

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and eighty-nine dollars and forty-six cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 14, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Clark, Peter V., removing safe.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		\$30 00
Cohu, A. B., rakes, lawn mowers, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$197 12	
	Maint. Zool.Dept.	4 00	
			201 12
Cohu, A. B., plow, wheelbarrow, etc..	Maint. 23d and 24 Wards.....		63 63
Dahlman, I. H., horses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		625 00
Dietz, R. E., lanterns.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		50 40
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music.....		265 00

Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$16 65
Halsey, George W., oats.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		26 00
Henneberger, J. sperm candles.....	Cleaning sewers and drains....		3 00
Hilton, E. G., rubber hose.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		118 80
Lawson, Casper A., building stone.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps. I. & M..		3 75
Mallen, Owen, blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		33 71
McGrath, Michael, work and materials.	Fourth Ave. Pks. Impt. of.....		3,271 66
McCarthy, Richard, services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		54 00
Miller & Eastmead, lanterns.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....,		22 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, manhole covers.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		45 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		28 80
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., heat- ing.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1880..	\$60 00	
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	60 00	
		<hr/>	120 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	Tompkins Square, Restor'n of....		230 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		13 02
Rohrey, John, harness.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		25 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., spikes.....	Bronx Riv. Bdgs..		21 90
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disburse- ments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d 24th Wards, etc.	\$46 88	
	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 23d and 24th Wards	10 84	
	Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps. I. & M..	2 57	
		<hr/>	60 29

White, Chas. W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$128 14	
	Laying Walks, Cen- tral Park.....	33 13	
			\$161 27
White, Chas. W., lumber.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		18 02
Wernig, C. W., music.....	Music.....		265 00
			\$5,773 52

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,301 41	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	60 04	
Laying Walks, etc., Central Park.....	33 13	
Music.....	530 00	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	198 34	
Bronx River Bridges.....	21 90	
Harlem River Bridges, Reps. Impts. and Maint.....	6 32	
Cleaning Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards.....	3 00	
Surveys, Maps and Plans in 23d and 24th Wards.....	10 84	
Surveying, Laying out, etc. 23d and 24th Wards.....	46 88	
Labor, maintenance and supplies, 1880.....	60 00	
Tompkins square, Restoration of.....	230 00	
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	3,271 66	
		\$5,773 52

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-seven hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty-two cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 14, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday, 22d instant, at 9.30 A. M., for the purpose of opening proposals for building bridges over the Bronx river.

Secretary deposit money.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to deposit with the City Chamberlain the moneys received by the Department for sales, permits, license fees, etc., and report a detailed statement of such deposit at the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Plans for sewers—Engineer to prepare.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the ordinances of the Common Council for regulating and grading One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Willis and Brook avenues. Regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Third to Alexander avenues. Flagging south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and the petition of C. H. Longstreet and others for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Alexander and Willis avenues, received in Board May 27, 1881, and ordered filed, be taken from file and referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction, with instructions to prepare plans, contracts, and specifications for the same, and submit them to the Board for approval.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirm-

ative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Vacation—Police.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Employees of the Police Department be granted leave of absence for summer vacation, as follows, viz. :

Surgeon, six days ; Captain, six days ; Sergeants, five days ; Patrolmen, three days ; Gate-keepers, three days. The time of such leave to be designated by the Captain.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Driscoll, James—Honorable mention.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Board make honorable mention of Gate-keeper James Driscoll, for heroic conduct in stopping a runaway horse, driven by D. Henry Knowlton.

Acting Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Wright, Green—Claim.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the claim of Green Wright, contractor for regulating and grading Third avenue, for a reduction of the time charged for inspector's fees, presented a report recommending that he be charged with 57 days at \$4.00 per day, for the time of said inspector, said amount to be deducted from his final estimate.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Ryder, B. F.—Water-closets.

Commissioner LANE called up a report made by him and laid over at a meeting of the Board, on the 1st inst., and moved that the application of B. F. Ryder to place "Odorless" water-closets in the Arsenal building be denied.

Adopted.

Commissioner LANE moved that the recommendations contained in the statement prepared by the Acting Superintendent of Parks, and presented to the Board by him, on the 1st inst., relative to work necessary to be done to put in good order all the water-closets and urinals at the Arsenal building, be adopted, and that the work therein recommended be proceeded with forthwith.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Barry, C.—Restoration.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Christopher Barry, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner Wales not voting.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 11.15 the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE,
“ WALES,
“ MACLEAN,
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner LANE in the chair.

Bronx river bridges—Proposals.

In accordance with the order of the Board and advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, the COMPTROLLER, and Messrs. Henderson and Phelps, of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Westchester, being present, the Board proceeded to open the proposals for building bridges across the Bronx river.

The following proposals were received :

From Charles C. Field.....	\$53,591 30
From N. F. Jones.....	37,326 25

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Museum Natural History—Manhattan square.

Messrs. Jesup and Pyne, from the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, appeared before the Board and urged that some action be taken under the provisions of chapter 324,

of the Laws of 1881, providing for the completion of the entrances into the Central Park on Eighth avenue, at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, and between said streets.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Museum of Natural History be approved, and that Julius Munckwitz be employed to prepare the necessary plans and supervise the work for the improvement of the approaches to the Central Park, as provided in chapter 324, Laws of 1881, and at the rate of compensation specified in the said communication, viz. : four per cent. on the amount expended to be paid to him for his services, out of the funds provided for in said act.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Elton avenue.—Flagging.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for flagging the sidewalks in Elton avenue, from Washington to Third avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and specifications for the same.

Supreme Court—Injunction dissolved.

A certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court, dissolving the temporary injunction granted A. L. Kerker, in the matter of the removal of floats moored at the Third Avenue bridge over the Harlem river, was received and

Ordered filed.

Madison avenue bridge—Sureties

From the COMPTROLLER, relative to the substitution of the name of Francis M. Bixby in lieu of that of Peter McGuinness, as surety on the proposal of John McQuade, for building approaches to the Madison Avenue bridge.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the substitution of the name of Francis M. Bixby in lieu of Peter McGuinness as surety on the proposal of John McQuade, for building approaches to the Madison Avenue bridge.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Appropriations—Transfer of.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of resolutions transferring appropriations.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to amend the resolution passed by said Board on June 13, 1881, transferring the sum of \$2,000 from the appropriations of this Department to the "Appropriation of Printing," etc., by inserting 1880 in lieu of 1879, inserted in said resolution through an inadvertence on the part of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Mazzini statue—Permission to decorate.

From the President of the Societa Italiana Mazzini, desiring permission to decorate the statue of Mazzini on the Central Park on the 28th instant.

Granted.

Bicycles—Protest against.

Petitions were received from A. Z. Demarest, B. A. Giber-son, T. Shotwell, and others protesting against the use of Bicycles upon the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Crosby, Horace—Pay allowed.

From Horace Crosby, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for the 6th inst., while absent from duty.

Granted.

Disposition of force.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending June 18, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Carpenters—Suspension of.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting that in pursuance of an order of the Board he had suspended from duty Patrick Woods, James W. Cummings, and Patrick Colbart, carpenters employed in repairing Central bridge.

Commissioner WALES moved that Patrick Woods, James W. Cummings, and Patrick Colbart, carpenters, be and they are hereby discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Sewer 141st street—Receiving basin.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to the receiving basin to be located at the corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-first street, and included in the contract for building a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Third and Alexander avenues.

Ordered filed.

Salute Fourth July—Denied.

From Major-General Shaler, desiring permission for a platoon of artillery to enter the Central Park and another to enter the Battery Park, on the morning of July 4th next, for the purpose of firing a National Salute.

Application denied and the communication referred to the Chairman to reply to.

Mutual Life Insurance Company—Wharf rent.

From the Mutual Life Insurance Company, relative to the rent of a wharf at Kingsbridge, formerly owned by W. G. Ackerman and now the property of said company.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Sigel, R. F.—Appointed.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the employment of Rudolph F. Sigel as Axeman.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Rudolph F. Sigel be and he is hereby temporarily appointed as Axeman at \$2 per day.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affir-

mative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Casino—Water-closet.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting the length of time required to build a new water-closet at the Casino, in Central Park, after the old one is removed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans for a new water-closet at the Casino, submitted by the Superintending Architect, be and they are hereby approved, and that the work be forthwith proceeded with under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Orion Base Ball Club—Denied.

From the Orion Base Ball Club desiring permission to play ball on the Central Park.

Application denied and communication referred to the Secretary to reply.

Nolan Wm.—Increase of pay.

From William Nolan, Mason, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Laborers—Increase of pay.

From the laborers employed on the Parks asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to Commissioners Wales and MacLean, to report upon.

Drain at Mill Brook.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department, relative to the condition of a drain at Mill Brook and One Hundred and Forty-first street.

Ordered filed.

Begley, Conrad—Restored.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Conrad Begley, laborer.

Commissioner WALES moved that Conrad Begley be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McDonough, John—Restored.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That John McDonough be and he is hereby restored to duty as carpenter.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Sprinkling Jerome avenue.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, presenting a statement showing the

extra time made by men and teams employed in sprinkling Jerome avenue.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That pay for extra time be allowed the following-named persons employed on Jerome avenue :

Dennis Geogheghan, laborer.....	27 hours.
Hugh J. Conlin, laborer.....	25 "
Odell Barnecott, laborer.....	1 "
August Hollaker, laborer.....	8 "
George Healey, carpenter.....	4 "
James Davies, engineer.....	19 "
Michael Pendergast, fireman.....	19 "
Leonard Dietch, double team.....	16 "
James Johnson, ".....	14 "
Michael Crotty, ".....	18 "
Patrick Lunny, ".....	16 "
Jackson Weeks, ".....	10 "
James McLean, ".....	16 "
James Coleman, ".....	4 "
James Glynn, double team sprinkler detailed from Riverside avenue.....	14 "
Thomas Hovey, double team sprinkler detailed from Riverside avenue.....	14 "
John Monohan, double team sprinkler detailed from Riverside avenue.....	14 "

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, McLean, Olliffe—4.

Lockard, E. P.—Sunday-school picnic.

From E. P. Lockard, desiring permission to hold a Sunday-school picnic in Central Park on 25th instant.

Granted.

Dick, T. S.—To place sign.

From T. S. Dick, licensee of boat service, asking permission to place a sign on the lawn near the esplanade in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Electric Illuminating Co.—Poles in Union and Madison squares.

Mr. A. A. Hayes appeared before the Board on behalf of the Brush Electric Illuminating Company, in relation to erecting poles in Madison and Union squares.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That permission be granted the Brush Electric Illuminating Company to erect in Union and Madison squares four posts in each square for the purpose of guying the poles authorized to be erected in said squares for the use of said company; said posts not to exceed ten feet in height, and the work to be done under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps.....	Making Maps, etc.,		
	23d and 24th		
	Wards 1880.....		\$11 11
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables.	Maint. Zool. Dept.		213 20
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies		509 22
Casey, James, boat hire.....	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., I. & M...		22 50
Coffin, P. C., cooler, shears, and hoes..	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies	\$3 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	4 00	
	Surveying and Lay-		
	ing out 23d and		
	24th Wards....	4 00	
		<hr/>	11 00

Coffin, P. C., picks, handles, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$35 30
Cohu, A. B., shovels.....	Maint. Sedgwick avenue.....	\$30 88
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	33 81
	—	64 69
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	45 81
Hilton, E. G., hose.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M..	29 70
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., lace leather.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M..	4 35
McGrath, Michael, Estimate No. 4....	Fourth Ave. Parks, Improvement of.	3,271 66
McClave, E. W., & Co., lumber.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M..	895 97
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., Scotch glasses.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M..	13 69
McKesson & Robbins, acids, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 98
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$12 95
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M..	1 05
	—	14 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	59 40
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	7 50
O'Brien, W. K., & Bro., frames, etc...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	20 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., turpentine, etc.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$67 25
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	1 98
Shady, James H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 00
Wering, C. W., music.....	Music.....	265 00
Wright, R. J., corn, oats, hay, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$545 62
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	28 80
	—	574 42
		<u>\$6,157 73</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,168 15	
Maintenance Zoological Department	375 56	
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Impt., and Maint	967 26	
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	69 11	
Sedgwick avenue—Maintenance of.....	30 88	
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 00	
Music.....	265 00	
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Department		
Taxes and Assessments, 1880.....	11 11	
Fourth avenue Parks—Improvement of	3,271 66	
		<u>\$6,157 73</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy-three cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 21, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Batey, Joseph, repairs to water tanks. Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$180 00	
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 2..Sewer in 137th st., from 3d avenue to summit east of Willis avenue.....	1,272 81	
		<u>\$1,452 81</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$180 00	
Sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, from Third avenue to summit east of Willis avenue.....	1,272 81	
		<u>\$1,452 81</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty-two dollars and eighty-one cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } Auditing
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } Committee.

NEW YORK, June 21, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Secretary—Moneys deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the moneys deposited by him with the City Chamberlain, in pursuance of a resolution of the Board, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, June 15, 1881.

PERMITS.

May 24, 1881. A. K. Boyce, sewer connection.....	\$10 00
“ 27, “ J. H. Tincker, “	10 00
“ 27, “ T. S. Moore, “	10 00
June 2, “ Geo. Smith, “	10 00
“ 3, “ Dr. McNeal, “	10 00
“ 9, “ Geo. Gaynor, “	10 00
“ 10, “ Wm. R. Beal, “	10 00
	<u>\$70 00</u>

SHEEP.

May 31, 1881.	William Adams, proceeds of wool.....	\$75 00	
June 14, "	Property Clerk, sale of skins.....	10 75	
		<hr/>	85 75

LICENSES.

June 6, "	John McMahon, refreshment, East River Park	\$13 81	
" 7, "	Isidor Isaac, goat carriages and carrousel..	62 14	
" 8, "	Carl H. Schultz, mineral water.....	33 54	
" 10, "	John Lucas, donkeys.....	11 47	
" 10, "	William Kyle, Harlem river boats.....	4 08	
		<hr/>	125 04

GRASS.

June 14, "	Property Clerk, sale of grass.....	\$111 00	
		<hr/>	111 00

SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

Property Clerk, services of bull.....	\$4 00	
	<hr/>	4 00

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

May 27, "	A. McLean, permit 211.....	\$10 00	
June 6, "	Daniel Malone, repairs to sewer pipe.....	4 00	
" 7, "	Thomas C. Andrews, repairs to sewer pipe..	4 00	
		<hr/>	18 00
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			\$413 79

Summer vacation.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the usual summer vacation of two weeks be granted to the employees of the Department upon their filing an application for the same with the Secretary, and it receiving the approval of a Commissioner.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, McLean, Olliffe—4.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 29th instant, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Madison avenue bridge—Plans for superstructure.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the preliminary plan for the superstructure of the Madison Avenue bridge as submitted by A. P. Boller be approved, and that Mr. Boller is hereby requested and employed to prepare, subject to the approval of this Board, detailed plans and specifications for the construction of such superstructure. Said construction to be under Mr. Boller's professional superintendence, for which plans, specifications and superintendence, Mr. Boller is to receive five per cent. upon the actual cost of such construction.

Laid over.

Madison avenue bridge—Engineer compensation.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the legal question of compensation to be paid the Engineer employed for the preparation of plans for the superstructure of the Madison Avenue bridge, and superintendence of the construction thereof, be referred to Commissioner MacLEAN to examine and report upon at the next meeting of the Board.

Plants loaned to Normal College.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Superintending Gardener be authorized to loan plants to the Janitor of the Normal College on the occasion of the College Commencement, said plants to be returned in good order and under such directions as the Superintending Gardener may make.

McAlees, Samuel—Restored.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Samuel McAlees be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer on the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Central Park—Lighting of.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the Gas Commission be requested to consider the subject of lighting that portion of Central Park below Seventy-ninth street by the erection of three poles, to be placed equidistant, each 150 feet in height, and 36,000 candle-light ; said poles and lights to be erected and maintained upon the same principle as those about to be erected in Madison and Union squares.

Telephone poles in Transverse road, at 86th street.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company desiring permission to place eight or ten short poles along the Transverse road at Eighty-sixth street through Central Park, to which to attach a wire for the Department of Public Works.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the subject was referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power.

Clark, John—Foreman.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Clark be and he is hereby appointed Foreman on the Southern Boulevard.

Commissioner WALES moved as a substitute that the subject be referred to the Committee on Personnel.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the nega-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Farrell, Ann—Ladies' maid.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Ann Farrell, in charge of the Ladies' Cottage in Union Square, be removed, and that Mary Collins be appointed in her place, and that her pay be fixed at \$1.25 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

On motion, at 12.30 o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner LANE in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bronx river bridges—Proposals.

The following communications were received :

From Alfred P. Boller, Engineer, submitting a comparative statement of quantities and totals as contained in proposals received for constructing four bridges over Bronx river, and recommending that the proposal of N. F. Jones, amounting to \$37,326.25, be accepted as the lowest bid for doing said work.

Bronx river bridges—Award of contract.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposals of N. F. Jones for constructing complete the bridges over the Bronx river at Williams-bridge, Boston road, Samuel street, and Fordham and Pelham avenues, as submitted by him, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$37,326.25, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid ; that said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and when so approved

that Commissioner William M. Olliffe be and is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of this Department, a contract with the said N. F. Jones and the Supervisors of the County of Westchester for the erection of said bridges.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Regulating, etc., 135th street.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of an ordinance for regulating, grading, curbing, guttering, and flagging One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Third to Alexander avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and a contract for doing said work.

Alexander and Willis avenues—Width of sidewalks.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution to establish the width of sidewalks in Alexander and Willis avenues.

Ordered filed.

Counsel to Corporation—License fees.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting an opinion relative to allowing C. Ryan to deduct \$53 from his license fee, which amount is claimed to have been expended by him upon buildings belonging to the Department, stating :
 “ If it is the opinion of the Board that Mr. Ryan has actually expended the sum named for the benefit of the Department, and the sum is in good faith due to him, I see no objection to making the deduction thereof from the amount due from him to the Department.”

Ryan, C.—To deduct \$53.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Columbus Ryan be and he is hereby authorized to deduct the sum of \$53 from the license fee due from him to the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Farragut statue—Approach.

From C. H. Marshall, E. D. Morgan and others, in relation to the work necessary to be done to complete the approach to the Farragut statue in Madison square.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the subject of laying a path to complete the approach to the Farragut statue on Madison square be referred to the Acting Superintendent of Parks to examine and report upon.

Pomology and Viticulture—School of.

From John W. Chambers, Secretary of the Farmers' Club of the American Institute, transmitting a communication in relation to the establishment of a school of Pomology and Viticulture in the Central Park, and giving an estimate of the cost of the same.

Application denied, and the Secretary directed to state that the Board deems it inexpedient to establish such a school in the Central Park.

Bicycles—Arrest—Notice of hearing.

From Edmund Wetmore, attorney for Messrs. Walker, Foster and Wright, who were arrested in Central Park on the

25th instant, for attempting to enter the Central Park riding on bicycles and triecycles after having been forbidden so to do, and stating the intention of his clients to make this a test case as to the power of the Commissioners totally to exclude bicycles from the parks, and stating that the matter would be heard before Judge Lawrence on 28th instant.

Ordered filed.

Sewer in College and River avenues.

From Geo. C. Goeller, in relation to the necessity for constructing a main sewer in College and River avenues, from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street up, with a temporary outlet through One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street to the old sewer on Third avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to examine and report upon.

Herriott, Isabella—Encroachment.

From Isabella Herriott, complaining of the encroachment of a stoop on the line of the sidewalk on the corner of Broadway and McComb street, adjoining her property.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to examine and report upon.

Cohu, A. B. & Co.—Lawn mowers.

From A. B. Cohu & Co., desiring to place upon the Park for trial a new pattern of lawn mower.

Granted.

Bronx river bridge—Westchester avenue.

From A. P. Boller, presenting a form of contract, specifications and detail drawings for the Westchester avenue swing bridge over the Bronx river.

Laid over.

Bear cages—Repairs.

From the Director of the Menagerie, relative to repairs necessary to be made to the bear cages at the Menagerie on the Central Park at an estimated cost of \$275.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine and report upon.

Sedgwick avenue—Repairs.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, desiring permission to close Sedgwick avenue, between Wolf street and Jerome avenue, during the time necessarily required to complete the improvements on said avenue.

Sedgwick avenue—MacIntosh, A.—Proposal.

Commissioner MACLEAN presented a communication from Angus MacIntosh, stating that in his opinion the manner in which the work of improving Sedgwick avenue has been done so far is impracticable, and that the money appropriated is being improperly expended, and proposing to construct a stone road on Sedgwick avenue, similar to that commenced last fall with broken Telford and Macadam pavement from Jerome avenue to High Bridge, for the sum of \$8,600, and furnish bonds for the faithful performance of said work.

Sedgwick avenue—Work suspended.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the work of improving Sedgwick avenue be and is hereby suspended until the further order of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Sewer—139th street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between Third avenue and a point 400 feet east of Alexander avenue, with branches in Alexander avenue between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications prepared and submitted to this Board by the Acting Engineer of Construction, for a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, between Third avenue and a point 400 feet east of Alexander avenue, with branches in Alexander avenue between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Money order—Meteorological Observatory.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, asking for the issue of a money order for the purchase of sundry small articles.

Commissioner LANE moved that the issue of a money order for \$25 be authorized for purchase of sundry small articles for use in the Meteorological Observatory.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Board of Aldermen—Resolution repairs to Third avenue.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution requesting this Department to proceed with the repairing of the pavement of Third avenue, between Harlem Bridge and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, and with the relaying of the flagging and the resetting of the curb and gutter stones on the streets intersecting said avenue, between said limits, where the same were lately removed for the purpose of regrading said avenue.

Laid over.

American Rapid Telegraph Co.—To erect poles.

From the American Rapid Telegraph Company, to whom permission was given to erect a line of poles along Lincoln avenue, Southern Boulevard, and Lorillard terrace, desiring permission to change the route by erecting a line of poles along Lincoln avenue to One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, through One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street to St. Ann's avenue, and Westchester avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to mark out a line on which to erect said poles, and report the same to the Board for approval.

Kennedy, Patrick—Pay fixed.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending that Patrick Kennedy, laborer, be substituted in place of Michael Devine, as laborer, at \$1.75 per day, detailed to the work of cleaning sewers.

Commissioner WALES moved that Patrick Kennedy, laborer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be detailed to the work of cleaning sewers, at \$1.75 per day, in place of Michael Devine.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Snow, J. J.—Village carts.

From Jos. J. Snow, desiring to be granted the privilege of keeping village carts for hire on the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Toker, O., and Leddy, John—Restored.

From the Topographical Engineer, requesting the reinstatement of the two laborers suspended on April 9th last, to assist in setting street monuments.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Owen Toker and John Leddy be and they are hereby restored to duty as laborers to assist in setting monuments, on the force under the direction of the Topographical Engineer.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Tidball, W. L.—Opening Morris avenue.

From William Linn Tidball, in relation to the opening of Morris avenue, and urging that the Department proceed with the work.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the CHAIRMAN appoint a Committee of two to examine into the matter of opening and improving Morris avenue, and report upon the same.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioners Wales and Olliffe as such Committee.

Suspension bridge—W. W. Niles.

From W. W. Niles in relation to the expediency of building the bridge proposed to be built over the Harlem river above High Bridge.

Ordered filed.

Madison avenue bridge—Plans of approach.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting relative to his re-examination of the plans for the trestle approach to the Madison Avenue bridge, and the modification and alterations that can be made whereby the objections made by Mr. H. A. Cram can be obviated.

Laid over.

Transfer of teams.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, asking authority to transfer for a few days three double teams from the work of maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to Sedgwick avenue, to assist in removing the broken stone now stored on Michael Lennon's dock.

Ordered filed.

Reuss, Rev. Charles—Picnic.

From the Rev. Charles Reuss, desiring permission to hold a Sunday-school picnic in Central Park.

Granted.

Manhattan square—Plans for.

From Morris K. Jesup, stating that the plans for making the approaches to the Central Park from Manhattan square will not be ready until July 12, next, and asking that the Board will meet on that day to receive the Trustees of the

American Museum of Natural History for the consideration of said plans.

Laid over.

Employment of carpenters, painters, masons, and laborers. 1

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of additional carpenters, painters, and masons to assist in repairing and painting the various buildings, bridges, etc., and additional laborers to assist in laying tar walks on the Central Park.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four carpenters, six painters, two masons, and sixteen laborers be and the same is hereby authorized.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the employment of four carpenters, six painters, two masons, and sixteen laborers be authorized, and that it be referred to Commissioners Wales and Olliffe to select such men for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beattie, John, Estimate No. 2.....	Const. of Bridges over Harlem R.	\$5,616 86
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1879.	111 79
Draper, Daniel, sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	25 95
		\$5,754 60

RECAPITULATION.

Construction of Bridges over Harlem river.....	\$5,616 86
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1879.....	111 79
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	25 95
\$5,754 60	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-seven hundred and fifty-four dollars and sixty cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, S. H. WALES,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
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NEW YORK, June 28, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Coffin, P. C., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$42 37
	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. and M.....	67
		\$48 04

Crook, Samuel H., music.....	Music		\$100 00
Cohn, A. B. & Co., mower parts	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		79 20
Dodworth, Harvey B., music	Music		265 00
Hawes, M. E., soda biscuit.....	Maint.Zool.Dept.		8 00
Harmer, Hayes & Co., ticking and axle grease	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		15 15
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron and iron rollers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$146 44	
	Maint.Zool.Dept.	85 29	
		<hr/>	231 73
White, Chas. W., spruce.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		644 16
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			<u>\$1,386 28</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$283 16
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	93 29
Music.....	365 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Impts. and Maint	67
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	644 16
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	\$1,386 28

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and eighty-six dollars and twenty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Auditing*
S. H. WALES. } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 28, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Devlin, John B., making drains.....	Cleaning Sewers and Drains 23d and 24th Wards.	<u>\$400 00</u>
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Amounting to the sum of four hundred dollars.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

New York, June 15, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Urinal—Cooper Union Park.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the urinal in the Park south of Cooper Union, be removed to the southerly end of said park, provided the expense does not exceed \$100, and that the Acting Superintendent of Parks be authorized to proceed with said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

St. Vincent—Foundation planted.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of Parks be directed to level the foundation walls of the building lately standing in front of the Museum on Mount St. Vincent, and cover the material so leveled with mould and creeping plants, provided the same can be done by an expenditure not exceeding \$400.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sedgwick avenue—Committee to examine.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioners MacLean and Lane to examine into the present condition of Sedgwick avenue, and to report as early as practicable upon the best methods to carry on the work.

McAlpine, W. J.—Leave of absence extended.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That the leave of absence heretofore granted to Wm. J. McAlpine, Engineer of Construction, be extended to 15th prox.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

Larkin, John—Parkkeeper reduce.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That John Larkin, Parkkeeper, be and he is hereby reduced to the position of Gatekeeper.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner Wales not voting.

Clark, J. J.—Appointed Foreman.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John J. Clark be and he is hereby appointed Foreman on the work of improvement of Southern Boulevard, at \$3.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Olmsted, Frederick Law—To appoint.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted be and he hereby is appointed Consulting Landscape Architect of this Department, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

No—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Van Valkenberg, Wm.—Salary named.
Odell, J. J., and Achenbach, Geo.—Discharged.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of William Van Valkenberg be fixed at the rate of \$2,400 per annum, and that John J. Odell and George Achenbach be discharged from the service of the Department, the above to take effect on the 1st of July, prox.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Marsh, Dr.—Sickness Parkkeeper O'Neil.

A communication was received from Dr. E. T. T. Marsh, in relation to the continued sickness of Parkkeeper John O'Neil.

Ordered filed.

Driscoll, James—Promoted to Parkkeeper.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Gatekeeper James Driscoll be and he is hereby promoted to the position of Parkkeeper for meritorious services.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, McLean, Olliffe—4.

Planting—Central Park.

A communication was received from the Superintending Gardener, in relation to the planting at the Central Park.

Laid over.

Guy-posts—Fifth avenue sidewalk.

A communication was received from James Sinclair, desiring to place guy-posts in the Park sidewalk at Fifth avenue and Eightieth street, under the direction of the Acting Superintendent of Parks.

Granted.

Farrell, Ann—Ladies' maid.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Ann Farrell, in charge of the Ladies' Cottage in Union Square, be removed, and that Mary Collins be appointed in her place, and that her pay be fixed at \$1.25 per day.

Commissioner WALES moved that the said resolution be laid over till the next meeting.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

On motion, at 12.05 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES.
“ MACLEAN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner OLLIFFE was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bronx river bridges—Temporary bridge.

James Henderson, Jr., Supervisor of the County of Westchester, appeared before the Board in relation to erecting a temporary bridge over the Bronx river at Williamsbridge.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, Commissioner MACLEAN was appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Henderson, relative to building a temporary bridge over the Bronx river at Williamsbridge and report to the Board in relation thereto.

Steam road-roller—Authority to purchase.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a certified copy of the following resolution:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 91, article 16, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and are hereby authorized and empowered to procure in open market, and without contract, a steam rolling-machine, for the use of said Department, at a cost not to exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board does hereby authorize the purchase of an Aveling & Porter's steam road-roller at an expense not to exceed \$6,000, and that an order for the same be issued.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Morris, H. L.—Maps of Morrisania District.

Mr. Henry Lewis Morris appeared before the Board on behalf of the Morris Land Company, in relation to the map for laying out a portion of the Morrisania District, between the Harlem railroad, Sedgwick avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, said subject was laid over, and the property owners interested were invited to appear at the next meeting of the Board.

Comptroller—Appropriation for entrances.

From the COMPTROLLER, returning for amendment a copy of a resolution asking for the appropriation of \$100,000 for the completion of the entrances in Central Park, on Eighth avenue, pursuant to chapter 324, Laws of 1881.

Laid over.

Manhattan square—Plans for entrances, etc.

Mr. Morris K. Jesup appeared before the Board and presented plans and specifications for constructing entrances and improvements required by chapter 324, Laws of 1881, connecting Central Park with Manhattan square.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, July 23, 1881, for consideration of, and action upon, the plans for the connection between Manhattan square and the Central Park, and the best methods to carry on the work upon Sedgwick avenue.

Michael Lennon, John McDonald—Claims for damages.

From the COMPTROLLER, inclosing claims of Michael Lennon, for \$800, value of horse which he alleges was injured at Central bridge, about the 27th day of October, 1879, and John McDonald, for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries sustained by him through the negligence of the Corporation in leaving a steam roller in Sedgwick avenue, near High bridge, improperly guarded and dangerous to life and limb, July 4, 1881, and desiring to be furnished with such information regarding these claims as will enable the interposition of a suitable defense to any action that may be brought thereon.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish the necessary information.

Board of Health—Sewers in 158th street and 144th street.

From the Board of Health, transmitting copies of sanitary reports upon the condition of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Third and Brook avenues, and the necessity of a sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, near Third avenue, for the necessary action of this Department.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Transfer of appropriation for printing.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted June 13, 1881, transferring \$2,000 from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks for 1879, to "Printing, Stationery, and Blank-books, 1880," be amended, so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be and is hereby

transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1880, entitled "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, for Police, 1880," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes or objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery, and Blank-books, 1880," which is insufficient.

Ordered filed.

Park-keeper Sterling—Conduct commended.

From James Carr, commending the conduct of Park-keeper Sterling in stopping a runaway team near Mt. St. Vincent, on the Central Park, on the 25th ultimo.

Referred to Captain Beaty to report upon.

Good Templars—Sale of liquor in Park.

From the County Lodge of Good Templars of New York City, transmitting a copy of resolutions appointing a Committee to wait upon this Board in relation to the sale of liquors on the Central Park on Sundays.

Referred to Commissioner LANE to report upon.

Office hours on Saturdays.

From the Topographical Engineer and acting Engineer of Construction, requesting that during the remainder of the summer and the month of September, the hour for stopping work on Saturdays be fixed at 3 o'clock, P. M., provided that contract work may not be delayed thereby.

Ordered filed.

Transfer of laborers to set monuments.

From the Topographical Engineer, stating that the two laborers, Owen Toker and John Leddy, restored to duty at the last meeting of the Board, have declined to serve except their rate of pay be fixed at \$1.60 per diem, and recommending that two laborers be appointed for this work, or that two be detailed, as formerly, from the force under the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to detail two men to assist in setting monuments under the direction of the Topographical Engineer.

Topographical Engineer—Report relative to St. Ann's avenue.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the complaint of Mrs. Emma A. Schriefer in relation to a want of drainage in the neighborhood of St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Bear cages—Repairs to.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the repairs necessary to be made to the bear cages at the Menagerie, and estimating the cost of the same at \$300.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the work of repairing the bear cages, as recommended by the Superintending Architect, be proceeded with at an expense not to exceed \$300, under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Farragut statue—Improve approach.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting on the subject of completing the approach to the Farragut statue on Madison square.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That Foreman Flanagan be directed to proceed with the work of sodding in front and around the Farragut statue, out to the line of the sidewalk.

Fourth avenue parks.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that Fourth avenue, from Ninety-fourth to Ninety-sixth street, has been filled up and graded, and that the construction of the two remaining parks can be proceeded with.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for the construction of the two remaining parks on Fourth avenue, between Ninety-fourth and Ninety-sixth streets.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Tompkins square cottage.

From the Superintending Architect, relative to the completion of the cottage on Tompkins square, and stating that it can be opened to the public as soon as a proper person has been put in charge of the same.

Laid over.

Disposition of working force.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, presenting statements, showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the four weeks ending July 16, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Schedler, Mrs.—Lease of hotel High Bridge Park.

From Bertha C. L. Schedler, petitioning for an extension of time of her lease of High Bridge Park Hotel.

Ordered filed.

Derr, H. H.—For allowance of time.

From Henry H. Derr, chainman, asking to be allowed pay for the 2d instant, when absent on account of sickness.

Ordered filed.

Lincoln, E. W.—Swans.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the communication of Mr. E. W. Lincoln, desiring to purchase swans, and stating that the number of swans in the possession of the Department is not sufficiently large to justify in disposing of any.

Referred to the Secretary to reply to Mr. Lincoln.

Bleyer, Emil, for allowance of time.

From Emil Bleyer, assistant, asking to be allowed pay for the 2d instant, when absent on account of sickness.

Ordered filed.

Dixon, Wm. P., relative to condition of roads.

From Wm. P. Dixon, complaining of the condition of the public roads north of Kingsbridge and east of the Central avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Ordered filed.

Vacation for police tailors.

From Captain Beaty, relative to vacation for police tailors.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the four police tailors be allowed two days' vacation each.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Pendergast, Michael, Gough, Arthur—Restored to duty.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending the restoration of Michael Pendergast, laborer, and from the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Arthur Gough, laborer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that Michael Pendergast, laborer on the Central Park, and Arthur Gough, laborer in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sedgwick avenue—Petition to resume work.

From Michael Brien, J. McConnel, and others, complaining of the present condition of Sedgwick avenue, and requesting that the work of improving be resumed.

Ordered filed.

Sedgwick avenue—Specifications for improving.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans and specifications for improving Sedgwick avenue, between High Bridge and Jerome avenue, and also for the improvement of Sedgwick avenue north of High Bridge.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Street Cleaning—Quantity of refuse to be removed.

From the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, desiring to be furnished with a statement showing the approximate number of loads of ashes and sweepings this Department will require to dump at each dump of the Street Cleaning Department.

Referred to the Secretary to reply.

Ryan C.—Permission to erect awning at Concourse.

From Columbus Ryan, desiring permission to erect, at his own expense, a light frame work of wood to support an awning for covering horses, during the summer, on the north side of the Concourse.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said permission was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of Commissioner Olliffe.

Ryan C.—Statement of license fees.

From Columbus Ryan, presenting a statement of returns of License fees from November 1, 1880, to June 30, 1881, inclusive, and tendering a check amounting to \$962.62, in full for license fees to July 1, 1881.

Laid over.

Acting Superintendent—Breaking stone.

From Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to breaking stones by the Blakes' stone crusher, stationed at Spuyten Duyvil, and recommending the removal of the steam pumps now on Jerome avenue,

to Spuyten Duyvil, and connect the boiler of said steam pump to the boiler of the engine.

Laid over.

Road from Jerome avenue to Berrian landing—Close.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, desiring authority to close the road leading from Jerome avenue to Berrian landing, until Monday, the 25th inst., in consequence of the repairs which are being made by the Department of Public Works to the Croton Aqueduct. The Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was authorized to close said road for the time mentioned.

Vacation—Foremen.

From the foremen employed on the Central Park, asking to be allowed a vacation of one week each, to be taken at such times as will be consistent with their duties.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That a vacation of one week be granted each of the foremen upon their filing with the Secretary an application for the same, and it receiving the approval of a Commissioner.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Extra time allowed foremen.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That foremen Patrick McGovern and Thomas Hodges be and they are allowed \$65 each, and Foreman C. A. Johnson \$15, as compensation for extra time made during the last skating season.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Herriott, Isabella—Report on complaint.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the complaint of Isabella Herriott, relative to the encroachment of a stoop on the line of the sidewalk on the corner of Broadway and McComb street, and stating that from accurate measurements it appears that no encroachment exists, but nuisances are constantly occurring in the angle between the end of said stoop and the fence, and recommending that the attention of the Board of Health be called to the same.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the Board of Health in relation to the same.

Rapid Telegraph Co.—Line of route defined.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting a line marked out by him for the American Rapid Telegraph Company to erect poles, as follows :

Through Lincoln avenue, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.

Through One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street to Brook avenue.

Through Brook avenue to Westchester avenue.

Through Westchester avenue to the Bronx river.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the said line was approved, and the erection of poles authorized.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Bradley & Smith, feather dusters.....	Labor Maint. and Supplies	\$7 50	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	1 50	
		<hr/>	\$9 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying Walks — Central Park..		658 21
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		565 80
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$62 30	
	Laying Walks — Central Park..	1 05	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards..	4 05	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.	2 10	
		<hr/>	69 50
Coffin, P. C., files, washers, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$34 62	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	24 00	
		<hr/>	58 62
Dietz, R. E., lanterns.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.		1 34
Early & Lane, brooms	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$23 50	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	67	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.	3 33	
		<hr/>	27 50
Frazer, J., monkeys	Maint. Zool. Dept.		10 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness materials	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		11 10
Knapp, A. & W., timber.....	Bronx R. Bdgs..		251 53
Knapp, A. & W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		354 08
Manning, John W., filling.....	Manhattan Sq., Imp't of.....		55 00
McArthur, J. & Co., feather dusters...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		39 00
McClave, E. W. & Co., yellow pine....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.		293 40

McClave, E. W. & Co., stakes and white wood.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$24 30
	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of.....	14 00
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		\$38 30
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., repairs to steam gauge.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. and M.	4 50
McKesson & Robbins, medicated paper.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	5 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron rings.....	Laying Walks—Central Park ..	316 90
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses, Museum of N. H.	Maint. Museums.	1,343 30
Moffatt, David & Co., harness repairs...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	8 08
New York Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement.....	Laying Walks—Central Park ..	320 97
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., salaries, etc., Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums.	1,116 50
Rohrey, John, sundries and repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. ...	16 70
Rockwood, Geo. G., photographs.....	Morningside Park—Impt. of.....	60 00
Stackpole & Bro., repairs to instruments.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	67 50
Seaman, John A., oakum, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	23 20
Seymour, W. N. & Co., nails and files.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$3 15
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. ...	1 59
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		4 74
White, Chas. W., spruce	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. ...	550 00
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursement.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	41 37
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		<u>\$6,321 09</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,161 58	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	34 67	
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	1,297 13	
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	55 00	
Maintenance of Museums.....	2,459 80	
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	304 67	
Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	572 34	
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	14 00	
Bronx River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint. of.....	251 53	
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	110 37	
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	60 00	
		\$6,321 09

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-three hundred and twenty-one dollars and nine cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 5, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Maint. Zool. Dept.		\$241 40
Benoit, A. V., drawing paper.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$13 20
Surveying and Lay- ing out 23d and 24th Wards....		11 20
		24 40

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$558 85
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		645 75
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		594 91
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$12 25	
	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps., I. and M. Sedgewick Ave., Maint. of.....	1 75 17 25	
		<hr/>	31 25
Bertine, Edwin R., flag.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		8 00
Bowes, John J. & Bro., Estimate No. 1. Fourth Ave. Pks., Impt. of.....			1,385 86
Bouton & Smith, axles, shafts, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$56 00	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 50	
		<hr/>	60 50
Crook, Samuel H., music.....	Music.....		200 00
Coffin, P. C., bolts and hoes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		25 65
Devlin, John B., final estimate.....	142d st. sewer, from Alexander to Brook Ave., and branches...		3,515 72
Donaldson Jos., gas bracket.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		90
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music.....		770 00
Harlem Gaslight Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		15 30
Hilton, E. G., rubber hose.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		25 25
Howard & Morse, wire guards.....	Maint. Zool. Dept. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$80 85 63 00	
	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps., I. and M.	40 00	
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Knapp, A & W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		65 92

Lane, Smith E., personal expenses.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$75 00
Leonard & McCoy, grate bars.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	12 88
Manning, John W., filling.	Manhattan Square, Impt. of	275 00
Manhattan Gaslight Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	29 70
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., spirit level, etc.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. Sedgwick Ave., Maps of Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$3 33 3 00 1 30
		<hr/> 7 63
McClave, E. W. & Co., white wood.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	27 65
Manchester & Philbrick, cement.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	17 50
Metropolitan Gaslight Co., gas.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	54 90
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, settees, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	124 90
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	95 38
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement.	Laying walks, Central Park.	307 85
N. Y. Mutual Gaslight Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	25 20
O'Brien, M., milk.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	8 40
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oils and brushes.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies. Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps., I. and M.	\$88 26 1 44
		<hr/> 89 70
Reichte, Charles. & Bro., mocking bird food.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	12 00
Rohrey, John, harness.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	69 60

Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		\$9 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., hardware.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$76 14	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	2 00	
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Tatham & Bro., solder.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 32
Ward, Geo. W., final estimate.....	Tompkins Square, Restoration of..		1,287 08
Weston & Fiske, oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1880..	\$63 76	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1880.....	1 17	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1880.....	15 72	
	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. and M., 1880.	19 50	
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Weston & Fiske, oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$26 35	
	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. and M.....	15 30	
	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of.....	1 70	
		<hr/>	43 35
Wright, R. J., salt and oats.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		16 50
Wright, Green, final estimate.....	Reg. and Grading 3d avenue, from 147th street to Harlem river...		5,227 02
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		38 17
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			\$16,393 53

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$2,774 31
Maintenance Zoological Department	433 57
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	275 00
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	307 85
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	25 33
Music.....	970 00
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	21 95
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Imp't and Maintenance..	58 49

Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$11 20
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1880.....	63 76
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1880.....	1 17
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1880.....	15 72
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Imp't. and Maint., 1880....	19 50
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	1,385 86
Tompkins Square, Restoration of.....	1,287 08
Street Improvement Fund.....	8,742 74
	<hr/> \$16,393 53

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-three dollars and fifty-three cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 19, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Crook, Samuel H., music.....	Music.....	\$100 00
Hawley, James C., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$115 26
	Maint. Zoological Department....	3 49
	Police.....	50
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	30 68
	Morningside Park, Impt. of.....	1 70
		<hr/> 151 63

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Howard & Morse, wire guards.....	Maint. Zoological Department	\$72 90
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 3 ..	137th street Sewer, from 3d ave. to summit east of Willis ave	1,360 75
Wernig, C. W., music.....	Music.....	530 00
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		\$2,215 28
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$115 26
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	76 39
Police.....	50
Music.....	630 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	30 68
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	1 70
Street Improvement Fund.....	1,360 75
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\$2,215 28	
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 20, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Madison avenue bridge approach.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to this Board detailed plans

and specifications for constructing the southern end of the Madison avenue bridge approach, in accordance with the general plan submitted on the 29th ult., marked "C."

Laid over.

Madison avenue bridge—Superstructure plans.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution, laid over at a meeting held June 22, 1881, and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That the preliminary plan for the superstructure of the Madison avenue bridge, as submitted by A. P. Boller, be approved, and that Mr. Boller is hereby requested and employed to prepare, subject to the approval of this Board, detailed plans and specifications for the construction of such superstructure. Said construction to be under Mr. Boller's professional superintendence, for which plans, specifications, and superintendence Mr. Boller is to receive five per cent. upon the actual cost of such construction.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Commissioner MACLEAN not voting.

Minutes.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board of April 14, 1880, relative to publishing the minutes, is hereby rescinded.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Parks at Third avenue, Boston, Franklin and Fulton avenues.

Commissioner WALES presented a certified copy of chapter 461 of the Laws of 1881, entitled, "An act to authorize the improvement of the public parks or places at the intersection of Third avenue and Boston avenue and of Franklin and Fulton avenues in the City of New York."

Ordered filed.

Comptroller to provide funds.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby requested to provide the sum of twelve thousand dollars to be applied to the labor and material necessary for the improvement of the public parks or places at the intersection of Third avenue and Boston avenue and of Franklin and Fulton avenues, in the City of New York, as provided by chapter 461 of the Laws of 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Mould, J. W., to prepare plans.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Jacob Wrey Mould was directed to prepare plans necessary for the improvement of said parks and submit the same to the Board.

Secretary deposit money.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to deposit with the City Chamberlain the moneys received from permits, license fees, sales, etc., and report detailed statements of the same to the Board at the next succeeding meeting after the deposits are made.

Document No. 88.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of *City Record* be requested to print, for the use of the Department, two hundred and fifty additional copies of Document No. 88, being a report of the Topographical Engineer on the drainage of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the accompanying map.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Lincoln avenue—Crosswalks.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the ordinance of the Board of Aldermen for laying crosswalks across Lincoln avenue, received in Board and laid over at a meeting held May 23 last, be referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction, with directions to prepare plans and contract for the same.

High Bridge park—Boundary lines.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Topographical Engineer to make a survey and topographical map of the High Bridge park, showing the adjoining streets and avenues. That also he do mark out the boundary lines of said park with monuments and stakes, and make report thereon to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

License of Wm. Kyle—Commissioner MacLean to sign.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner MACLEAN is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Department the license granted March 16, 1881, to Wm. Kyle, for boat service on the Harlem meer.

Transfer of men from Sedgwick avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to transfer such of the laborers and teams employed to work on Sedgwick avenue as he may need for work on the Southern Boulevard.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Floats at Third avenue bridge.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, On the 27th April, 1881, the Board adopted a resolution directing the Acting Superintendent of Parks to notify the owners of floats, now moored at Third avenue bridge, to remove the same on or before the 1st day of May, 1881 ; and

Whereas, Adolph L. Kerker, the owner of a float moored at said bridge, brought an action in the Supreme Court, City and County of New York, against the Commissioners of the Department, and obtained a temporary injunction restraining the defendants from removing the float and boats of the said plaintiff ; and

Whereas, Afterwards, at a Special term of the said Supreme Court, held at the City of New York, on the 18th day of June, 1881, the said Court dissolved the said injunction and no further proceedings have been had in said action ; and

Whereas, The said Adolph L. Kerker has not obeyed the orders of the Board and refuses to obey ; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner LANE, with power, to remove the float and boats of the said Adolph L.

Kerker, and the floats and boats of any other persons occupying floats on premises under the jurisdiction of the Department, at Third avenue bridge, and to make requisition on the Acting Superintendent of Parks and the Captain of Police for such number of men as may be necessary to enable him to enforce the order of the Board.

Permits—List of, to be furnished.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to furnish this Board, at the next regular meeting, a list of all outstanding permits issued since January 1st, last.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Inspector—One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Commissioner MacLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioners OLLIFFE and WALES be and they are hereby authorized to select a suitable person to act as Inspector on the work of regulating and grading One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and that the person so selected be appointed.

Commissioner LANE moved as an amendment, that the name of Commissioner LANE be inserted in said resolution, after that of Commissioner WALES.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Superintendent of Parks—To appoint Julius Munckwitz.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Whereas, The duties of Superintendent of Parks requires a man of professional education and of the highest attainments in landscape gardening ; and

Whereas, Julius Munckwitz, from his twenty years' employment in the Department, his professional standing, the performance of his duties while he was Superintendent from 1875 to 1879, and also during the past six months, has shown that he was fully capable ; therefore

Resolved, That he be appointed Superintendent of Parks, at a compensation, including his duties of Superintending Architect, of three thousand dollars per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Executive session.

At the hour of 1 P. M. the Board went into Executive Session.

Park and Gate-keepers—Charges.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom was referred for examination the charges preferred against Park and Gate keepers, presented reports as follows :

Foley, Michael—Park-keeper.

In the case of Park-keeper Michael Foley, charged with intoxication, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that said Foley be discharged from the employment of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Coughlin, Michael—Park-keeper.

In the case of Park-keeper Michael Coughlin, charged with intoxication, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that said Coughlin be discharged from the employment of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Commissioner OLLIFFE not voting.

Parks, E. L.—Park-keeper.

In the case of Park-keeper Edward L. Parks, charged with being off his post, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the charge against said Parks be dismissed.

Adopted.

Bernhard, Charles—Park-keeper.

In the case of Park-keeper Charles Bernhard, charged with neglect of duty, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the charge against said Bernhard be dismissed.

Adopted.

Quinn, Michael—Gate-keeper.

In the case of Gate-keeper Michael Quinn, charged with intoxication, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the said

Quinn be discharged from the employment of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Quinn, Michael—Gate-keeper.

In the case of Gate-keeper Michael Quinn, charged with being absent at roll call, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the said Quinn be fined a half day's pay.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sheridan Thomas, Gate-keeper.

In the case of Gate-keeper Thomas Sheridan, charged with intoxication, Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the said Sheridan be discharged from the employment of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner OLLIFFE not voting.

Mason, F. H. D.—To transfer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That F. H. D. Mason be detailed temporarily for duty at 36 Union Square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Pay Rolls and maintenance accounts.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay-rolls and the maintenance accounts of this Department, with the books auxiliary thereto, be made out and kept temporarily at the Museum Building by Messrs. Van Valkenburgh, Kingsland, Mason and McLaughlin.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner WALES not voting.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present — Commissioner LANE,
“ WALES,
“ MACLEAN,
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner OLLIFFE in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Museum Natural History, Trustees.

Messrs. Jesup, Constable, and Pyne, Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, appeared before the Board, and presented a communication asking for

Plans for entrances.

1. That the plans presented at the last meeting for the improvement of the entrances at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, be now approved.

Work to be done by contract.

2. That all of said work be done by contract.

Cady, J. C., Architect.

3. That Mr. J. C. Cady be appointed by the Department, the Architect to superintend the execution of said work, at such compensation for such services as can be agreed upon.

Adopt plans.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks approve and adopt the plans prepared for and by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, and presented this day, and be it further

Advertise for proposals.

Resolved, That the form of a contract for doing said work be prepared by the Secretary, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, due advertisements be made for proposals for the execution of said contract.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Requisition for money.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following ;

Whereas, By chapter 324 of the Laws of 1881, the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History were authorized to prepare, without cost to the City of New York, plans for the completion of the entrances on the Eighth avenue at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets to the westerly drive, and on the avenue between said streets to the transverse road, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and

Whereas, Said plans have been prepared by said Trustees and submitted to and approved of by said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby respectfully requested to include in the tax levy for the year 1881 the sum of fifty thousand dollars, said money being necessary for the prosecution of the work as herein before mentioned, and that the Comptroller be authorized to provide said funds upon the requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Manhattan square—Transfer.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of eighty-two hundred and thirty-three dollars and forty-three cents (\$8,233.43) from the appropriation for "Manhattan Square, Improvement of," for 1880, for the purpose of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Manhattan Square, Improvement of," for 1881, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, McLean, Olliffe—3.

Sedgwick avenue—Improvement of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for the improving of Sedgwick avenue, between Jerome avenue and High Bridge, as this day received, be and are hereby approved, and the contract and specifications ordered printed, and when approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation as to form, the Secretary insert advertisements in the CITY RECORD for proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Map of Morrisania.

Messrs. H. L. Morris, Abner Bartlett, C. Monks, Jno. T. Hunt, and others appeared before the Board in reference to the plan for laying out a portion of the Morrisania district.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Appropriation.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is necessary for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, and that the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks certify, and it hereby does certify, that said sum of one hundred thousand dollars is necessary for such improvement.

And be it further Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is respectfully required to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bracken, Thomas—Restored to duty.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Bracken, laborer, be restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Fast driving over bridges.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the attention of the Police Department is hereby called to the daily practice of persons driving over the bridges over the Harlem river, Cromwell's Creek and other streams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards at a rapid and dangerous rate of speed, and that said Police Department be respectfully requested to give orders whereby such dangerous driving will be prevented.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at 11.55 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, Commissioner WALES was called to the chair.

Minutes amended.

The minutes of July 20 and 26 were read, and amended on page 148 by recording Commissioner WALES as voting in the affirmative on Commissioner MACLEAN's resolution directing the Secretary to furnish a list of permits issued, and as so amended were approved.

Bicycles—Protest against.

Petitions were received from A. H. Baldwin, W. J. Hutchinson, R. P. Lounsbury and others, protesting against the use of bicycles or tricycles in the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Tax-payers' Association—Tompkins square.

The following communications were received :

From the tax-payers' Association of the Tenth, Eleventh, and Seventeenth Wards, relative to the necessity of proper police protection at Tompkins square, and asking that Michael Coughlin be retained as Park-keeper on said square.

Referred to Commissioner MACLEAN.

Drain 146th street.

From the Health Department, submitting a copy of a report upon the condition of a drain in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between St. Ann's and Brook avenues, for the action of this Department.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Fourth Avenue parks.

From B. L. Ludington, E. F. Brown, Lyman Tiffany, and others, property owners, in relation to the condition of the small parks in Park avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Seventy-second streets.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine the fences surrounding said parks, and the Superintending Gardener to examine the condition of the grass and plants and report upon the same.

Sterling, Gate-keeper—Honorable mention.

From Captain Beaty, reporting upon the stopping of a runaway team in the Central Park by Gate-keeper James Sterling, on 25th June last.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Ordered, That honorable mention be made on the minutes of the Department of the meritorious conduct of Gate-keeper James Sterling, in stopping a runaway team of horses on the Central Park, on 25th June last.

Jackson, W. N.—For allowance of time.

From William N. Jackson, assistant, asking to be allowed pay for the 13th ultimo, when absent on account of sickness.

Ordered filed.

144th street—Report on.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department, relative to the con-

dition of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Third and Brook avenues.

Ordered filed.

American Rapid Telegraph Co.

From the American Rapid Telegraph Company, desiring permission to erect a line of poles along the southerly Boulevard, from the junction of Westchester avenue to Central avenue, thence northerly along Central avenue to the northwest corner of Woodlawn Cemetery, thence easterly on cross road for a distance of one-eighth mile, and thence northeasterly along country road to Yonkers Township boundary.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Appropriations.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of the following resolutions, adopted at a meeting held July 29, 1881.

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand and thirteen dollars and eighty cents (\$4,013.80) be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for "Bronx river Bridges, Repairs and Maintenance of," for the year 1880, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation entitled "Bronx river Bridges, for Rebuilding, Repairing, and Maintenance of," for the year 1881, which is insufficient.

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment is authorized to include in the tax levy for the present year the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the completion of the entrances into Central Park on Eighth avenue at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, according to plans prepared by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History (chapter 324, Laws of 1881); therefore

Resolved, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be and is hereby appropriated under the head of "Entrances into Central Park on Eighth avenue at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, completion of," which amount shall be included in the final estimate for 1881, and applied to the said purposes upon the requisition of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required and at such rate of interest as he may determine, not exceeding four per centum per annum, "Stock of the City of New York" to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing a bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, as authorized by chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and section 16, chapter 320, Laws of 1874, and in full of requisition of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, dated July 26, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Grade—Willis and Alexander avenues.

From John T. Hunt, Frederick Richards, and others, property-owners, in relation to establishing the grades of Willis and Alexander avenues to conform to the present curb and gutter stones and flagged sidewalks, and the buildings erected on the lines of said avenues.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean to report upon.

Farragut Statue—Approach.

From Stanford White, Architect, in relation to the approach to the statue of Farragut on Madison square.

Ordered filed.

Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the moneys deposited by him with the City Chamberlain, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes as follows :

Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller July 30, 1881.

PERMITS.		
1881.		
June 15.	R. J. Brown, Agent, sewer connection.....	\$10 00
" 21.	Grammar School No. 60, sewer connection.....	10 00
July 5.	Dennis Fesser, " ".....	10 00
" 6.	L. Evans, " ".....	10 00
" 9.	Board of Education, " ".....	10 00
" 19.	Robert Crawford, " ".....	10 00
		\$60 00
LICENSES.		
June 20.	Joseph J. Snow, pony service.....	\$13 58
July 6.	Isidor Isaac, carrousal and goat carriages.....	47 73
" 7.	John McMahon, refreshments E. R. Park.....	13 25
" 7.	John Wright, swings.....	8 70
" 9.	John Lucas, donkeys.....	9 19
" 9.	Carl H. Schultz, mineral springs.....	24 21
" 11.	Wm. Kyle, Harlem meer boats.....	2 45
		119 11
SHEEP.		
July 12.	Van Tassel & Kearney, sale of sheep.....	\$155 70
		155 70

SUNDRY RECEIPTS.

July 12. Property Clerk's office, service of bull.....	\$1 00	
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GRASS.

July 12. Property Clerk's office, sale of grass.....	\$489 00	
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SPECIAL FUND REPAVING.

June 15. Thomas C. Andrews, permit No.216.....	\$10 00	
“ 17. A. McLean, Croton tap.....	6 00	
“ 21. Thomas C. Andrews, Croton tap.....	6 00	
“ 23. Thomas C. Andrews, repairs.....	4 00	
“ 24. A. McLean, laying pipe.....	6 00	
“ 28. Thomas C. Andrews, Croton tap.....	6 00	
July 5. Thomas J. Ellison, permit No. 218.....	10 00	
“ 9. A. McLean, Croton repairs.....	4 00	
“ 12. A. McLean, Croton tap.....	6 00	
“ 19. George Smith, Croton repairs.....	4 00	
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		<u>\$886 81</u>

Clapp, A. S.—License fee.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the Secretary was directed to notify A. S. Clapp, licensee for carriage service on Central Park, that he will be required within one week to pay the license fee due the Department from him.

The consideration of the improvement of the carriage service at the Central Park was referred to Commissioner LANE to examine into and report upon to the Board.

Bronx River Bridge—Westchester avenue.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have printed the contract and specification this day presented to the Board with the plans for the construction of an iron swing bridge over the Bronx river at Westchester avenue, and when said contract is printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, to report the same to this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

College avenue—Curb and gutter.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jno. H. Davison to curb, gutter and flag the sidewalk in front of his property on the easterly side of College avenue, commencing 100 feet northerly from One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.

Ordered filed.

Drainage—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution calling for information in relation to the drainage of certain lands in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, provided by chapter 360 of the Laws of 1880.

Ordered filed.

Highways—Repair of.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution relative to the repair of the public highways in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Clark, F. M.—For employment.

From Frank M. Clark, desiring employment for his father.

Ordered filed.

Parks, E. L.—Withdrawing application.

From Park-keeper E. L. Parks, desiring to withdraw all papers pertaining to an application made by him for promotion to the position of Sergeant, presented by him to the Board, August 4, 1880.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to return said papers to Park-keeper Parks.

Fitzgerald, E.—For position of Superintendent.

From E. Fitzgerald, making application for the position of Superintendent of Parks.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Johnson, Foreman—Reporting suspensions.

From Foreman C. A. Johnson, reporting that he had suspended the following-named laborers employed in his gang, for neglect of duty :

Wm. O'Brien, Terrence Larkin, Daniel McAuliff, Geo. Hills, John Hughes, Hugh Menagh.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said men were dismissed from the employ of the Department.

Pay of employees.

Commissioner WALES, from the Committee appointed at meeting held June 22, 1881, to consider the applications of persons employed in this Department, for an increase of pay, presented the following report :

By resolution of this Board of June 22, 1881, petitions for an increase of wages paid to persons employed in this Department, was referred to the undersigned, who have given the subject their careful attention.

It appears also that the subject has been considered by the Mayor, whose communication is presented herewith, and made a part of this report.

The Mayor states that after a careful comparison of the figures, he finds that the rates now paid by the city are, on the average, ten per cent. less than those paid by private employers, and recommends to the heads of the several Departments an increase of ten per cent.

Your Committee approve the Mayor's suggestion, and recommend that the daily wages of the employees of the Department engaged in the several works under the Foremen of Parks and Places, be increased as follows: Laborers to one dollar and seventy-six cents, blacksmiths' helpers to one dollar and ninety-two cents, attendants in the cottages to one dollar and a half.

Your Committee would also recommend making the pay of certain other employees equal to that given by private employers, were such a change possible under the accepted construction of the statute commonly called the Public Burdens Act.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. WALES, }
CHAS. F. MACLEAN, } *Committee.*

August 3, 1881.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, July 26, 1881. }

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

GENTLEMEN—In response to an application made by a Committee appointed by the laborers in the employment of the City to consult with me relative to an advance in their wages, I have to-day sent to the said Committee a communication, a copy of which you will please find inclosed. I recommend the advance by you of the wages of the laborers in your employment, as suggested in said communication.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. GRACE,
Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, July 25, 1881. }

DEAR SIR—Having been waited upon by yourself and other gentlemen as a Committee appointed to consult with me, rela-

tive to an advance in the rate of wages paid by the city to its employees, I have given the matter most thorough consideration, and have reached the following conclusion :

I am satisfied of the justice of your claim that the city should pay the same rates as those paid by private employers of labor under like conditions. In a time of depression, and when the cost of living was less than at present the wages of the city employees were reduced to the rates which are now being paid. With increasing prosperity, however, have come increased cost of living and an increased wages rate. The principle which was applied to reduce the rate of wages paid by the city should now be applied to increase it. Being of this opinion, I have taken much pains, by applying to many private employers of labor, to learn exactly what wages they are paying to the different classes of their employees. After a careful comparison of the figures I find that the rates now paid by the city are on the average ten per cent. less than those paid by private employers, and I shall therefore recommend to the heads of the several departments in the City Government that they advance the wages of their employees ten per cent. in all cases where such advance would not be precluded by express provision of law. Such increase of wages will, however, tend to decrease the number of persons employed, inasmuch as the appropriations for the several departments for such purposes are already fixed for the present year and cannot now be increased.

Yours respectfully,

W. R. GRACE,

Mayor.

To WM. J. FLANIGAN, Esq.,

Chairman of Committee.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would accept said report and agree to the recommendations as therein contained, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said special Committee was continued with authority to consider and report upon any further applications that may be made for an increase of compensation.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aquirre, A. A., lettering maps.....	Making Maps, etc..		
	23d and 24th		
	Wards, 1880....		\$9 58
Alf, John, hammers and handles.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....		15 80
Beattie, John, Estimate No. 13.....	Const. Bdgs. over		
	Harlem R.....		3,039 59
Benoit, A. V., metallic tape.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....		2 80
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	I. and M.....		52 50
Bouton & Smith, bolts and axles.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies.....		26 29
Bowes, John J. & Bro., Estimate No. 2. 4th ave. P., impt.	of.....		
			1,385 86
Candee & Smith, cement.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies.....	\$31 05	
	Maint. Museums.	2 70	
			33 75
Cohu, A. B. & Co., bird seed.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		8 00
Crook, Samuel H., music.....	Music.....		200 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies.....	\$8 46	
	Harlem R. Bdg.		
	Reps., I. & M...	53	
			8 99

Dahlman, Isaac H., horses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$450 00
Davies, James R., documents, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	50 00
Dietz, R. E., lanterns.....	Sedgwick, ave., Maint. of.....	7 55
Early & Lane, brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$32 50
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	3 16
	Harlem R. Bdg.	
	Reps., I. & M..	3 34
		<hr/> 39 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1880..	10 80
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	4 45
McCarthy, Richard, labor.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	117 00
McGrath, Michael, final estimate.....	4th Ave. Parks, Impt. of.....	10,282 36
McClave, E. W. & Co., yellow pine....	Harlem R. Bdg. Reps., I. & M..	106 56
McClave, E. W. & Co., maple.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	110 00
McKesson & Robbins, acid and sponges..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$21 51
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	1 75
		<hr/> 23 26
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 12
Metropolitan Telp. & Telg. Co., rent of line.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	250 00
Metropolitan Telp. & Telg. Co., dist. ex- change connection.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	39 33
Metropolitan Telp. and Telg. Co., exten- sion of line.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	40 17
Michels, John, subs. to "Science"....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	4 00
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	9 43

Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		\$45 35
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oils, paints, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		31 60
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., salaries, and wages.....	Maint. Museums.		1,116 50
Stewart, A. T. & Co., dry goods.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		3 20
Seaman, John A., oil can, waste, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$1 40	
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M..	6 00	7 40
Seymour, W. N. & Co., door springs, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		15 14
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		16 51
Wernig, C. W., music.....	Music.....		265 00
Wright, R. J., corn, oats, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$368 95	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	28 80	397 75
White, Chas. W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		20 00
			<u>\$17,255 64</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,657 11
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	45 71
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impts. and Maint.	168 93
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	63 95
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	7 55
Maintenance Museums.....	1,119 20
Music.....	465 00
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1880.....	9 58
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1880.....	10 80
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	11,668 22
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River.....	3,039 59
	<u>\$17,255 64</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-four cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 2, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Rent of offices.

The subject of the responsibility of the Department for the payment of the rent of buildings leased by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the use of this Department was referred to Commissioner LANE to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation and report thereon to the Board.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board at a meeting held July 20, 1881, the Secretary presented a list of all the permits issued by the Department since January 1, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Trees—Riverside park.

The subject of cutting down and removing dangerous trees on the Riverside park was referred to Commissioner Lane, with power.

Carr, James—Restored to duty.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That James Carr be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer on the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Barrett Patrick—Restored to duty.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Barrett be and he is hereby restored to duty as laborer on the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Morningside Park—Plans for.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans for the improvement of Morningside Park, as prepared by Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect, be and they are hereby approved and adopted, and that said plans be ordered filed in the Department of Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of section 6, chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880.

Resolved, That Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect of the Morningside Park, proceed with the preparation of working plans and specifications for work on the westerly side of said park, with a view to the Department advertising for proposals for contracts for said work, in connection with such working plans and specifications as shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Public Works, and that said Mould be directed to confer in the preparation of said plans and specifications with the Engineer to be designated by the said Commissioner of Public Works, that the work to be done by the two Departments may proceed in harmony, pursuant to chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said resolutions were laid over until the next regular meeting of the Board, and the property-owners interested invited to be present at that time.

Transfer.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars from the appropriation for "Man-

hattan Square, Improvement of, 1880," for the purpose of which it is not required, to the appropriation for Bronx river bridges, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Broadway—Improvement of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to proceed to complete the portion of Broadway from Kingsbridge to the road leading to Kingsbridge station.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Broadway improvement—Proposals invited.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications this day submitted to this Board by the Acting Engineer of Construction for improving Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward, be approved, and the Secretary be directed to prepare the necessary proposals for doing so much of the work in accordance with said plans, included between the road leading to Kingsbridge station and about 300 feet north of Van Cortland lane, and that the form of a contract when printed and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, due advertisement be made for proposals for the execution of said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Broadway improvement—Appointments for.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioners WALES and OLLIFFE be and they are hereby authorized to select and appoint for work on the improvement of Broadway, 1 Foreman, 15 Laborers and 2 Double Teams.

Commissioner LANE moved to amend said resolution by inserting the name of Commissioner LANE after that of Commissioner OLLIFFE.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Manhattan square—Appointments for.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioners WALES and OLLIFFE be authorized to select a Foreman and twenty laborers for carrying out the plan adopted by the Board, January 20, 1881, for the work upon Manhattan square, and that the persons so selected be appointed, it being also provided that the laborers so selected may be substituted for laborers in the Central Park at the discretion of the Commissioners above named.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Document 88—To print.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of *City Record* be requested to print, for the use of the Department, two hundred and fifty additional copies of Document No. 88, being a report of the Topographical Engineer on the drainage of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the accompanying map.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

O'Connor, Manus—Painter.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Manus O'Connor is hereby employed as a painter.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Morrisania District.

In accordance with the action of the Board at the last meeting the map or plan for the improvement of a portion of the Morrisania District, was taken up.

Messrs Morris, Hunt, Monks, Vallender, Bradley, Cawood, and Whoeling being present.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, establish, and classify those certain streets, avenues, parks and places, or portions of the same, of the width, extent, direction, grade, and class as shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of Streets, Roads, and Avenues, and Public Parks or Places within that portion of the Morrisania District bounded by One Hundred and Sixty-first street, the New York and Harlem Railroad, and by the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York." Dated New York, August 1, 1881, and signed, "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer." The same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good, and Wm. M. Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file three copies of the said map, in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Tompkins square—Attendant.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner MACLEAN is hereby authorized to select and appoint a suitable female attendant for the cottage in Tompkins square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Odell, J. J.—Restored.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That John J. Odell is hereby restored to his former position and duties, at a compensation of \$3.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Achenbach, Geo.—To restore.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That George Achenbach is hereby restored to his former position and duties, at a compensation of \$2.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners McLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Odell, J. J.—Allowed time.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That John J. Odell be allowed time on the payroll for seven days' work at \$3.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$61 75	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	6 90	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	14 04	
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			\$82 69
Manning, John W. filling.	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.		275 00
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			<u>\$357 69</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.	\$61 75	
Maintenance Zoological Department.	6 90	
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.	275 00	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	14 04	
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		<u>\$357 69</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-nine cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 3, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion, at 12 o'clock, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1881.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 A. M.

The meeting was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, }
August 9, 1881. }

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held on Monday next, 15th instant, at 9.30 o'clock, A. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

W. M. OLLIFFE, }
S. E. LANE, } *Commissioners*
S. H. WALES, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner MACLEAN was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the regular order of business was suspended.

Morningside Park plans.

Commissioner LANE called up the following resolutions offered by him at the last meeting and laid over, and moved their adoption :

Resolved, That the plans for the improvement of Morningside Park, as prepared by Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect, be and they are hereby approved and adopted, and that said plans be ordered filed in the Department of Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of section 6, chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880.

Resolved, That Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect of the Morningside Park, proceed with the preparation of working plans and specifications for work on the westerly side of said park, with a view to the Department advertising for proposals for contracts for said work, in connection with such working plans and specifications as shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Public Works, and that said Mould be directed to confer in the preparation of said plans and specifications with the Engineer to be designated by the said Commissioner of Public Works, that the work to be done by the two Departments may proceed in harmony, pursuant to chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880.

D. H. Olmstead appeared before the Board on behalf of himself and others, property-owners, advocating the adoption of the plans as presented.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a substitute for the first resolution :

Morningside Park plans.

Resolved, That the plan for the improvement of the westerly side of Morningside Park, from the entrance at Ninth avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street to the entrance at Tenth avenue at One Hundred and Twenty-third street, as prepared by Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect, be and they are hereby approved and adopted, and that said plans be ordered filed in the Department of Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of section 6, chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880,

to enable the Department of Public Works to proceed directly with its work.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as an amendment to the substitute offered by Commissioner OLLIFFE :

Morningside Park plans.

Resolved, That the plans for the improvement of Morningside Park, as prepared by Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect, be and they are hereby approved and adopted, and that said plans be ordered filed in the Department of Public Works, in accordance with the provisions of section 6, chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880, to enable the Department of Public Works and this Department to proceed with their work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute as offered by Commissioner OLLIFFE, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Morningside Park—Plans and Specifications.

Commissioner LANE moved that the second resolution, as offered by him, be adopted.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect of the Morningside Park, proceed with the preparation of working plans and specifications for the masonry work on the westerly side of said park, between One Hundred and Tenth street and

Ninth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-third street and Tenth avenue, with a view to the Department advertising for proposals for contracts for said work, in connection with such working plans and specifications as shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Public Works, and that said Mould be directed to confer in the preparation of said plans and specifications with the Engineer to be designated by the said Commissioner of Public Works, that the work to be done by the two Departments may proceed in harmony, pursuant to chapter 565 of the Laws of 1880.

Commissioner LANE accepted said substitute.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The following communications were received :

McGlone Thomas, Fay Joseph—Discharged.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting Thomas McGlone and Joseph Fay, laborers, as inefficient.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Thomas McGlone and Joseph Fay were discharged from the employ of the Department.

American Rapid Telegraph Company—Route.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting on a route for the American Rapid Telegraph Company, from the intersection of the Southern Boulevard and Westchester avenue, thence along the Southern Boulevard to Central avenue, thence along Central avenue to Grand avenue, thence along Grand avenue to Mount Vernon avenue, thence along Mount Vernon avenue to the city line.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said route was approved of.

Wells, Jacob, grading Brook avenue.

From Jacob Wells, in relation to an ordinance of the Common Council for the regulating and grading of Brook avenue.

Referred to Commissioners WALES and OLLIFFE, to take such action as they may deem necessary in the matter.

Williamsbridge avenue—Condition of.

From William Prime, H. W. Law, and others, in relation to the condition of Williamsbridge avenue, between Central avenue and Broadway.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Willis and Alexander avenues.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Willis and Alexander avenues, as this day received, be and they are hereby approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Fourth avenue Parks—Shrubs and grass.

From the Superintending Gardener, reporting upon the condition of the shrubs and grass in the Fourth avenue Parks, between Sixty-seventh and Seventy-second streets.

Ordered filed.

Bicycles—Protest against.

From Jno. H. Sherwood, E.W. Stoughton, and others, protesting against the use of bicycles and tricycles upon the Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner LANE to transmit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Brush Electric Illuminating Company—To erect poles.

From the Brush Electric Illuminating Company, desiring permission to erect posts on the Broadway and Fourteenth street sides of Union square.

Ordered filed.

Mayor—Application of Frederick Driscoll.

From the Mayor, transmitting a letter from Frederick Driscoll in relation to a position on the Police force of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Gilham, S. W.—To hold picnic in Park.

From Mrs. S. W. Gilham, desiring permission to hold a children's picnic in Central Park on Tuesday, 16th instant.

Granted.

Telephone wire to Casino.

From Columbus Ryan, desiring that permission be granted the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company to run a telephone wire from Fifth avenue through the Central Park to the Casino.

Referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE.

146th street sewerage.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon a complaint from the Health Department relative to the defective drainage and want of sewerage in One Hundred and

Forty-sixth street, between St. Ann's and Brook avenues, and recommending the construction of a sewer in the said street.

Referred to Commissioner WALES.

Weighing machine in Central Park.

From James C. Carlyle, desiring permission to place a weighing machine in the Central Park.

Denied.

Third avenue bridge—Report of attendants.

From the bridge tenders at the Third avenue bridge over Harlem river, reporting relative to the collision of the steamboat Blackbird with said bridge.

Ordered filed.

Fourth avenue Parks—Fences.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the condition of the fences surrounding the parks on Fourth avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Seventy-second streets, and recommending that the same be painted.

Referred to Commissioners WALES and OLLIFFE, with power.

Damages to tug at Third avenue bridge.

From Kiley & Campbell, relative to damage done the tugboat D. K. Neal at the Third avenue bridge on the 9th inst., and desiring that an examination be made by this Department of the damage done said boat.

Mechanical Engineer Van Riper was directed to make an examination of said damages.

Alker, A. H.—Steps at High Bridge Park.

From Alphonse H. Alker, relative to steps at High Bridge Park.

Referred to Commissioner WALES.

Cooper Union Park—Sewer under sidewalk.

From Foreman Patrick Flanagan, reporting the cutting down of a tree on the park sidewalk at Cooper Union.

From Peter Cooper, desiring permission for the Cooper Union to place a sewer pipe under the park sidewalk and to extend their vault three feet south of the curb line of said sidewalk.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the permission asked for by Mr. Cooper was granted.

Leahy, Patrick—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Leahy be and he is hereby appointed as laborer on the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Quarterly Report.

A Quarterly Report of the transactions of the Department for the three months ending June 30, 1881, was received and ordered signed by Commissioner OLLIFFE and the Secretary and transmitted to his Honor the Mayor.

Clapp, A. S.—License Fee.

The Secretary reported that A. S. Clapp, licensee for carriage service on the Central Park, had paid \$250, the amount due the Department as license fee.

Break in water pipe at Mount St. Vincent.

From Foreman Pat'k McGovern, relative to a break in the water pipe near Mount St. Vincent in the Central Park, and asking that a plumber be detailed to assist in repairing the same.

Gorman, P., to fix water pipe.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That P. Gorman, plumber, be detailed to Foreman McGovern, and that he proceed forthwith with the work of repairing the water pipe near Mount St. Vincent.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$3 75
Bremner & Fitzgerald, Cumberland coal.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$9 80	
	Laying w'lks, etc., Central Park....	1 40	
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M..	2 80	
			14 00
Benoit, A. V., tracing cloth.....	Morn'side Park, Imp. of.....		6 40
Bouton & Smith, tires and shaft tips ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies. . . .		7 25
Bowes, John J. & Bro., Estimate No. 3.	4th ave. P., Impt. of		1,885 86
Candee & Smith, cement.....	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....		75 50
Cohu, A. B. & Co., shovels, hammers, etc.....	Sedgwick ave., Maint. of.....		91 24
Cohu, A. B. & Co., mower parts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		39 00

Coffin, Paul C., drinking cups.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$15 00
Corwins, Joseph, repairs to roller.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	31 00
Dodworth, H. B., music.....	Music.....	250 00
Donaldson, Joseph, wicks and brackets.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$2 40
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	1 80
		<hr/> 4 20
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 35
Halsey, Geo. W., oats, meal, etc.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	29 05
Himmer, Vitalis, repairs to clocks.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	7 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	51 52
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	3 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	250 43
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries.....	Sedgwick ave., Maint. of.....	\$7 50
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M..	18 25
		<hr/> 25 75
Morse, Jas. O., sewer tools.....	S'w's and Drains, Repairing, etc..	233 08
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas ...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	22 50
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	8 68
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 86
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oil, turpentine, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	125 62
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 30
Sellew, T. G., paper files.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	12 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., rasps, nails, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	31 56
Seymour, W. N. & Co., nails and spikes.	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M..	9 40

Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$41 84	
	Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards,	1 22	
			<hr/> \$43 06
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem R.....		11 29
White, Chas. W., lumber and moulding.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		319 41
Wernig, C. W., music.....	Music.....		265 00
Young, Chas. C., bread and crackers...	Maint. Zool. Dept.		31 50
			<hr/> <hr/> \$3,430 31

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$918 20
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	60 05
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	51 28
Laying Walks, etc., Central Park.....	1 40
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of.....	98 74
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	75 50
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	30 45
Music.....	515 00
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning and Repairing, etc.....	233 08
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	41 84
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes, etc.	1 22
Construction of Bridges over Harlem River.....	11 29
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	6 40
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	1,385 86
	<hr/> \$3,430 31

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-four hundred and thirty dollars and thirty-one cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

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The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now ap-

prove them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, McLean, Olliffe—4.

Jones, Aneurin—Superintendent.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Aneurin Jones be and he is hereby appointed Superintendent of Parks at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

Dawson, Jno. F.—To appoint, Superintendent.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved to amend said resolution by striking out the name of Aneurin Jones and inserting in lieu thereof the name of John F. Dawson.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Jarchow, H. N., Mitchell, Frank—Discharged.

A communication was received from Foreman Patrick McGovern in relation to the neglect of duty of H. N. Jarchow and Frank Mitchell.

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On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, H. N. Jarchow and Frank Mitchell were discharged from the employ of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at one o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9:30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN Commissioner OLLIFFE was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Annual estimates.

From the Comptroller, requesting that the departmental estimate for the year 1882 be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on or before September 15, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Sewers—Riverside avenue.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to including in the plans for sewers in the Riverside drive an outlet across Riverside park to the Hudson river at Ninety-first street and one at One Hundred and Fifteenth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Draw Bridges, Harlem river—Hour of opening.

From the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, inclosing a letter from C. H. Longstreet, in relation to opening the draw of the Third Avenue bridge at five o'clock A. M.

From F. S. Gannon, General Superintendent New York City and Northern Railroad, desiring that the draw of the Third Avenue bridge be opened as early as five o'clock A. M.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN referred to the Superintendent of Parks, with directions that hereafter the draw bridges over the Harlem river be opened at half-past five o'clock A. M., daily.

Cady, J. C.—Appointment.

From M. K. Jesup, requesting that J. C. Cady be appointed to superintend the work of constructing approaches from Manhattan Square to Central Park.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That J. C. Cady be and he is hereby appointed to superintend the construction of the approaches to Central Park at Eighth avenue and Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, authorized by chapter 324, Laws of 1881, and that he receive as compensation for such services five per cent. on the expenditures, less the sum of one thousand dollars heretofore received by him.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Museum of Natural History—Increased accommodation.

From M. K. Jesup, desiring authority to make alterations at the Museum of Natural History to increase the accommodation for persons attending lectures at the Museum.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said alterations were authorized to be made, under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

Disposition of working force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement, showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending August 27, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Bray, Peter—Suspension.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of Peter Bray, laborer, for neglect of duty.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, Peter Bray, laborer, was dismissed from the employ of the Department.

Painters—Inefficiency of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the inefficiency of the painters' force of the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

McGovern, James J.—Discharged.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That James J. McGovern, painter in charge, be and he is hereby discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Masons—Pay of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to increasing the pay of masons. Referred to the Committee having in charge the subject of the consideration of applications of employees for an increase of pay.

Carpenters on Central Bridge.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to the suspension of Michael Mahoney and John T. Kelly, carpenters employed in the work of repairing Central Bridge, and reporting the completion of said work.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that Michael Mahoney and John T. Kelly, carpenters, be transferred for duty on works under the Superintendent of Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Manhattan Square—Double team.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of a double team for work on Manhattan Square.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of a double team be, and the same is, hereby authorized for work on Manhattan Square, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select the same for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Campbell, Patrick—Suspension.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of Patrick Campbell, laborer, for smoking during working hours.

Commissioner WALES moved that Patrick Campbell, laborer, be discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

158th street—Regulating, etc.—Opinion of Counsel to Corporation.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, recommending that the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation be obtained as to whether, under section 7 of the specifications of the contract with B. C. Murray for regulating, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, the contractor can be compelled to build stone culverts for which no special compensation is fixed by the contract.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said communication was directed to be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation with a request that he furnish this Department with his opinion on the subject.

Rogers, O. H.—Leave of absence.

From O. H. Rogers, Assistant Engineer, stating that he was compelled by sickness to be absent from duty from July 15th to August 15th, and asking that two weeks of that time be allowed him as vacation.

Granted.

Van Riper, J. H.—Report on damage to tug-boat.

From J. H. Van Riper, Mechanical Engineer, reporting upon the damage done the tug-boat D. K. Neal by colliding with the Third Avenue bridge over Harlem river.

Ordered filed.

Meteorological Observatory—Money order.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, requesting the issue of a money order for \$25 for the purchase of sundry small articles.

Commissioner LANE moved that an order for \$25 be issued for the purchase of sundry small articles for use in the Meteorological Observatory.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Meany, M. C.—For promotion.

, From Michael C. Meany, desiring to be promoted to the position of Sergeant.

Laid over.

Beglin, Mich.—Suspension.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of Michael Beglin, laborer, for intoxication.

Commissioner WALES moved that Michael Beglin, laborer, be discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McGirr, P. H., } —Painters suspended.
McQuade, Jno., }

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of P. H. McGirr and Jno. McQuade, painters.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that P. H. McGirr and Jno. McQuade, painters, be discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative,

a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Board of Health.

From the Board of Health, transmitting copies of sanitary reports upon the condition of the street gutter, south side of Henry street, between Third and Bergen avenues, and receiving basins on Brook avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Southern boulevard.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, the 14th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following preamble and resolutions, adopted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor :

Main street—Repairs, etc.

Whereas, The macadamized highway, commonly known as Main street, West Farms, Twenty-fourth Ward, is very greatly out of repair, and in a condition to cause great damage both to horses and vehicles ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested to place said highway in good order as early as possible.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Bates' Hill—Repairs to.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be called to the dangerous and disgraceful condition of that portion of the road from West Farms to Hunt's Point, known as Bates' Hill, in the Twenty-third Ward, and that said Commissioners be and they are hereby requested to take immediate steps to repair the same.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Woodruff avenue—Repairs to.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be called to the dangerous and disgraceful condition of Woodruff avenue, between the Boston road and Prospect avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward, and that they be and are hereby requested to take immediate steps to repair the same.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Courtlandt avenue—Assessment list.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction transmitting duplicate assessment lists for laying crosswalks in Courtlandt avenue and in each street intersecting said avenue from Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

Commissioner LANE moved that said assessment lists be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Manhattan Square—Laborers and masons.

From the Superintending Architect, recommending the employment of fifteen laborers and two stone masons for work on Manhattan square.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of fifteen laborers and two stone masons, for work on Manhattan square, be and the same is hereby authorized.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Sewers—Riverside Drive.

From Chas. J. McKim, contractor for building sewer in Riverside avenue, desiring permission for his teams to drive down the old road at the right of the drive for the purpose of delivering brick necessary for his work.

Granted under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Suspension of Inspector.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction relative to the completion of B. C. Murray's contract for building a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, between Third avenue and summit east of Willis avenue, and the suspension of the Inspector subject to the approval of the Board.

Ordered filed, and approved of.

Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of moneys deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER, AUGUST 31, 1881.

1881.	<i>Permits.</i>		
August 5.	Sarah Buchanan, sewer connection.....	\$10 00	
" 13.	David Lichtenheim, "	10 00	
			\$20 00
	<i>Licenses.</i>		
August 9.	Jno. Lucas, hire of donkeys.....	\$6 76	
" 9.	Carl H. Schultz, sale of mineral waters.	24 43	
" 9.	Jno. Wright, hire of swings.....	14 40	
" 11.	Wm. Kyle, hire of boats, Harlem meer.....	2 70	
" 13.	Jno. McMahon, refreshments, East River Park.	14 60	
" 15.	A. S. Clapp, carriage service.....	250 00	
" 15.	Isidor Isaac, goat and carroussel service.....	52 59	
			365 48
			<u>\$385 48</u>

Transfers Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending that the following transfer of laborers be made :

Oliver Crawford from work on Sedgwick avenue to the Southern Boulevard.

John King from Southern Boulevard to Foreman Forsyth's gang.

Patrick Kerr from Foreman Forsyth to the Southern Boulevard.

John Weigel from Southern Boulevard to Broadway.

James Finnegan from Broadway to the Southern Boulevard.

Commissioner WALES moved that the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent be approved, and the transfers authorized.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Goodwin, Thomas F.—Inspector.

From Thomas F. Goodwin, Inspector on construction of Fourth Avenue Parks, asking to be appointed Inspector on the construction of the Madison Avenue bridge.

Ordered filed.

Candy, Esther—Soda water stand.

From Esther Candy, asking permission to maintain a soda water stand at the City Hall Park.

Permission denied.

Suspension—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of Henry B. Gardner and Jno. Conklin, laborers, for inefficiency.

Commissioner WALES moved that Henry B. Gardner and Jno. Conklin, laborers, be discharged from the employ of the Department and that the employment of two laborers to fill said vacancies be authorized.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Fountain on Union square.

From Calvert Vaux, desiring that the necessary permission be granted to enable the contractor for the foundation and other work connected with the bronze group to be erected in Union square by Mr. D. Willis James to proceed with the work.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the necessary permission was ordered granted under the supervision of the Superintending Architect.

Ga Nun, A. M.—Increase of pay.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, recommending that Alfred M. Ga Nun, Mechanical Assistant, receive an increase of pay.

Referred to the Committee having the subject of increase of compensation in charge.

Purdy, S. M.—Sidewalk Courtlandt avenue.

From Samuel M. Purdy, desiring permission to take up the flagging and curb and gutter stones at the northeasterly corner of Courtlandt avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, for the purpose of regrading the sidewalks and

relaying the flagging and resetting the curb and gutter-stones upon the new grade.

On motion, said permission was granted, the work to be done without expense to this Department, and under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aquirri, A. A., lettering maps.....	Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes & Assess., 1890..		\$47 35
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables..	Maint. Zool. Dept.		242 40
Beattie, John, Estimate No. 14.....	Const. Bridges over Harlem R.	5,059 55	
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		12 00
Candee & Smith, cement and brick....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		71 00
Coffin, Paul C., pails, brooms and shovels.	Manhattan sq., Impt. of.....	\$39 88	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	2 25	
			42 13
Cohu, A. B. & Co., grub hoes.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards		9 50
Crook, Samuel H., music.....	Music.....		300 00
Draper, Daniel, sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		25 69
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music.....		455 00
Douglass, W. & B., pump leathers.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		1 75
Early & Lane, waste, matches, and brooms	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$24 80	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	2 85	
			27 65

Ghetti, Antonio, monuments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards		\$327 60
Hawley, James C., petty cash.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$84 94	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	4 41	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	27 95	
		<hr/>	117 30
Handibode, P., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1880.		50 00
Halsey, George, oats.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		26 00
Hazard Powder Company, fuse.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		2 50
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., belting.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		16 80
McKesson & Robbins, acid, resin, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$7 83	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	25	
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McKesson & Robbins, acid and soap....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$2 68	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	1 45	
		<hr/>	4 13
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels.....	Harlem river Br., Reps., Impt. and Maint.....		407 00
Morgan, J. P., treasurer, expenses			
Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums.		1,343 30
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 38
Murray, B. C., payment on acceptance. 137th st. sewer, from 3d ave. to Summit east of Willis ave, etc.			4,323 71
Murray, B., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		14 42
Nathans, J. J., monkeys.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		30 00
N. Y. Mutual Gaslight Company, gas...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		26 10

N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Company, oil and cement.....	Laying Walks, Central Park..	\$611 71
Richardson, G. E., furnishing and driving piles.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	161 00
Rohrey, John, oil and whip, etc.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	3 55
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 30
Seaman, John A., waste.....	Harlem river Br., Reps. Impt. and Maint.....	6 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., spring locks, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	42 33
Stewart, A. T. & Co., muslin.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	1 80
Smith, J. Finlay, brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	19 50
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disburse- ments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	\$40 52
	Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A.	2 96
	Bronx Riv. B'dgs.	1 46
	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards....	2 40
	<hr/>	47 34
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disburse- ments.....	Const. Bdges. over Harlem River..	17 49
Walker, J., charcoal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	18 00
Wernig, C. W., music.....	Music.....	255 00
Wright, R. J., hay.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	51 35
White, Charles W., lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$82 00
	Manhattan Square Impt. of.....	31 20
	<hr/>	113 20
White, Charles W., timber.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. Impt. and M...	11 85

Whitney, A. R., iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$42 00
Young, Charles C., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	33 93
Young, G. G., pinion and shaft.....	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards....	15 40
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$472 85
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	374 24
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	262 62
Broadway 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of.....	17 80
Bronx River Bridges.....	1 46
Maintenance Museums.....	1,343 30
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	71 08
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	424 85
Music.....	1,010 00
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	368 12
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A..	2 96
Walks, Laying—Central Park.....	611 71
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies, 1880.....	50 00
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc., 1880....	47 35
137th street sewer, from Summit, east of Willis avenue to 3d avenue.....	4,323 71
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	5,077 04
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<u>\$14,459 09</u>	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred and fifty-nine dollars and nine cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 6, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and approved, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Butler, Thomas L., work and materials. Special Fund, Repaving, Repairing, etc.	\$86 00
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Amounting to the sum of eighty-six dollars.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, *Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 6, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Lynch, Michael—Pay of.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Lynch, laborer, be allowed pay for five days' extra time made during the concert season at Battery Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Bronx River Bridges—Engineer of Construction furnish assistance.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be and he is hereby authorized to furnish Mr. Boller with such information and assistance as Mr. Boller may desire during the construction of the bridges over the Bronx river.

Permits.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That all permits issued prior to January 1, 1881, and all permits bearing no date be canceled, and that the Captain of Police be directed to issue an order to have the same taken up.

Boundary line—Expense of.

Commissioner LANE moved that the bill of the expense of surveying and establishing the boundary line between the County of New York and the County of Westchester be transmitted to the Supervisors of the County of Westchester for payment.

Adopted.

Fountain in Union Square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Lane, with power, to arrange with Mr. D. Willis James for the ceremonies of unveiling of the bronze fountain to be erected on Union Square.

Laid over.

Pavements—Report on.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred for report the subject of pavements, made a verbal report in relation to the same, stating that he had conferred with Mr. E. H. Wootton in relation to the pavement on Union Square, and Mr. J. J. Schillinger in relation to the pavement on Madison Square, and presented estimates from said parties of the cost of making the necessary repairs.

Laid over.

Jarchow, H. N.—Pay of.

At the request of Commissioner MACLEAN, and in his absence, Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That pay be allowed to Henry N. Jarchow, lately a gardener in the Central Park, for four days worked by him after his formal suspension in April last, but for which time his name was omitted from the roll.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Horses and wagon—To be purchased.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner OLLIFFE be and he is hereby authorized to purchase three horses and one light wagon for the use of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Miller, Gatekeeper—Honorable mention.

Commissioner WALES presented a communication from Mr. James Talcott, calling attention to the conduct of Gatekeeper Robert Miller in stopping a runaway pony, thereby saving Mr. Talcott's children from accident.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Ordered, That honorable mention be made on the minutes of the Department of the meritorious conduct of Gatekeeper Robert Miller, in stopping a runaway pony on the Central Park, as stated by Mr. James Talcott.

Restoration—Laborers and Gardener.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Joseph Reilly, Joseph Ryan and Timothy Callahan, laborers, and John Johnson, Division Gardener, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Liberty—Madison Square—To paint.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintending Architect repair and paint the pedestal or stand in Madison Square which supports the arm of the statue of Liberty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner OLLIFFE in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Department of Docks—Bulkhead at East River Park.

From the Department of Docks, relative to erecting a bulkhead along the East river water-front between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-sixth streets, at East River Park, and desiring to be informed if any objection exists to the said work being done for commercial purposes.

Referred to the Chairman and Commissioner MacLean to confer with the Department of Docks in relation to the same.

Board of Health—Condition of Mill brook.

From the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of a report upon the condition of Mill Brook, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets, with

the request that a sewer be constructed in Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon the feasibility and cost of constructing said sewer.

Temporary bridge over Bronx river—Roadway.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the completion of the roadway leading to the temporary bridge built across the Bronx river, and the satisfactory working of the new steam road-roller.

Ordered filed.

Gorman, Michael, laborer—Restored.

From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Michael Gorman, laborer.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that Michael Gorman, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Reduction of force under Engineer of Construction.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to a reduction in the force under him, and recommending that George M. Cushing, Assistant, be allowed fourteen days' back pay, for absences charged against him during the spring and summer, in lieu of vacation, and that he be discharged as an assistant, and appointed an inspector upon the grading of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Boundary line between counties of New York and Westchester.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the matter of determining a correct geographical description of the northern boundary of the city of New York, for the use of the commissioners appointed for the revision of the special and local laws affecting public interests in the city of New York.

Referred back to the Committee having that subject in charge.

Swings--Mt. Morris Park.

From John Wright, licensee, desiring permission to place swings in Mt. Morris square and in the Ramble in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE, with power.

Fourth avenue Parks--Inspector discharged.

From the Superintending Architect, relative to the completion of the work on the Fourth avenue Parks, and stating that the services of the Inspector are no longer necessary.

Commissioner LANE moved that Thomas F. Goodwin, Inspector on Fourth avenue Parks, be and he is hereby discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Flanagan, Wm. J., for appointment

From Wm. J. Flanagan, applying for the position of Foreman of painters.

Ordered filed.

Disposition of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending September 10th, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent on condition of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a report upon the condition of the Central and City parks.

Referred to Commissioners Wales and MacLean.

Superintendent of Parks, recommending George Clark for appointment.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending George Clark, one of the painters, for the position of Foreman of painters.

Ordered filed.

Transverse road at Seventy-ninth street.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the impassable condition of the Transverse road through Central Park at Seventy-ninth street.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power.

Roof over bear cages.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that a slate roof be placed over the platform to be erected for the accommodation of the bear cages at the Menagerie in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Baker, Voorhis & Co., Session Laws,

1881.....Labor, Maint. and
Supplies.....

\$3 00

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$628 53
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying Walks, Cen- tral Park.....	670 35
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	599 83
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	6 00
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	66 90
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.	2 10
		<hr/> 75 00
Brown, Martin B., binding.....	Laying cross-walks Courtland ave., etc., from 3d ave., to 156th st.	6 00
Coffin, Paul C., nails and files.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	14 75
Cohu, A. B. & Co., bush hooks.....	South. Boulevard, Maint. of.....	8 60
Harlem Gas Light-Co., gas at stables..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 57
Morgan, J. P., treasurer, waxes Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums.	1,280 80
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	64 13
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stove-pipe iron.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 19
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Works, pav- ing cement.....	Laying Walks, Central Park....	436 40
Peerless Punch and Shear Co., drill..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	150 00
Propeller Gen. Newton, etc., towing...	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.	30 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	8 68
Seymour, W. N. & Co., nails.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	7 45
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies....	\$1,537 71
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	25 32

Maintenance Museums.....	\$1,280 80	
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	32 10	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 00	
Southern Boulevard—Maintenance of.....	8 60	
Laying crosswalks Courtland ave., etc., from 3d ave. to 156th st.	6 00	
Laying Walks—Central Park.....	1,106 75	
		<u>\$4,003 28</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand and three dollars and twenty-eight cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 14, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying walks, C. Park.....	\$615 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	568 47
Manning, John W., filling.....	Manhattan sq., Impt. of.....	550 00
Rohrey, John, horse collars.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	14 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Broadway, 23d. and 24th Wards.	8 50
Wootten, E. H., laying pavement.....	Laying Walks, C. Park.....	850 00
		<u>\$2,605 97</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$582 47
Laying walks, Central Park....	1,465 00
Manhattan square, Improvement of.....	550 00
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards.....	8 50
	————— \$2,605 97

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-six hundred and five dollars and ninety-seven cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 13, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Progress of works—Semi-monthly reports.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks, the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the Engineer of Construction, the Topographical Engineer, and the Superintending Architect, or whoever may be acting in the place and stead of any such official, severally report to the Board at its regular meetings a statement of the work in progress under his charge.

Captain and Sergeants to be mounted.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Captain and Sergeants of Park-keepers, when on patrol duty, be hereafter mounted upon horses.

Mounted Keepers—Central Park.

Resolved, That hereafter seven mounted keepers do duty in the Central Park.

Mounted Keepers—Riverside Drive.

Resolved, That hereafter three mounted keepers do duty upon the Riverside Drive.

On motion, a division of the question was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to the first resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to the second resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to the third resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Inventory of tools, etc.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That William Van Valkenburgh, clerk, report forthwith an inventory of the property of the Department, and the reason why the same was not reported to the Board on 1st July, 1881.

Index to Minutes.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That an index to the minutes for the year ending 30th April, 1880, and also one for the year ending 30th April, 1881, be prepared at a cost not exceeding seventy-five dollars for each index, and that it be referred to Commissioner MacLean with power to employ a suitable person to prepare the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Designs and specifications for painting Third avenue bridge.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare designs and specifications for the painting of the bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue and an estimate of the cost.

Transfer—Laying Walks—Central Park.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of twenty-three thousand and twenty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents (\$23,028.61) from the appropriation "For Laying New Walks and Repairing Old Walks in Central Park," 1880, which is in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Repairs and Maintenance Walks, Central Park," 1881, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane to inspect Riverside Drive and Park.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Lane to make an inspection of the Riverside Drive and Park and the occupants thereof, and report thereon to the Board.

Brook avenue—Grade of.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Jacob Wells, relative to changing the grades of Brook avenue at and near its intersection with Third avenue, pre-

sented a report stating that they had investigated the subject and found the criticisms of Mr. Wells upon the existing grades of Brook avenue to be well founded, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by chapter 604 and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, or a majority thereof, do hereby adopt and establish the grades of Brook avenue and adjacent streets, as shown on a certain map, plan, or profile signed by E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer Department of Public Parks, and dated September 13, 1881, and that Commissioner Wm. M. Olliffe is hereby authorized and directed to certify and file copies of the same in accordance with the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Fountain Union square—Ceremonies.

Commissioner LANE called up the following resolution offered by him and laid over at the last meeting of the Board :

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Lane, with power, to arrange with Mr. D. Willis James for the ceremonies of unveiling of the bronze fountain to be erected on Union square.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "for the ceremonies of" and insert in lieu thereof the words "for the acceptance and," and as so amended said resolution was adopted.

Committee to inspect materials to be sold at Reservoir.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That Commissioners Lane and Olliffe be appointed a committee with power to inspect the materials to be sold at the Forty-second street reservoir, and to confer

with the Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Works relative to procuring the railing and coping for park use.

Jarchow, H. N., pay allowed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That pay be allowed to Henry N. Jarchow, lately a gardener in the Central Park, for four days worked by him after his formal suspension in April last, but for which time his name was omitted from the roll.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Laborers employed for work on Riverside Drive.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That the employment of sixteen laborers be authorized for temporary work on the Riverside Park.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the employment of sixteen laborers be authorized for temporary work on Riverside Park, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select such persons for employment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Departmental estimates.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Board proceeded

to the consideration of the Departmental Estimates for the year 1882, as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS—DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES 1882.

Salaries.—To pay the salaries of the President, clerks, engineers, architects, and all employees of the Department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, laborers, and their foremen, employed in the work of maintaining the parks and places, also excepting the Topographical Engineer and his assistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. \$35,000 00

(Sections 83 and 112, chapter 335, Laws 1873.)

Police.—Salaries of Captains, Sergeants, Surgeon, patrolmen, gate-keepers, special patrolmen, and Police tailors. 150,000 00

(Section 6, chapter 290, Laws 1871.)

Uniforms and supplies. 10,000 00

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.—For all supplies, and for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including maintenance Meteorological Observatory. 300,000 00

(Section 83, chapter 335, Laws 1873.)

Zoological Department.—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of Central Park, and for the construction and arrangement of better accommodations therefor..... \$125,000 00
(Section 5, chapter 26, Laws 1865.)

Maintenance of Museums.—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History and Metropolitan Museum of Art. 30,000 00
(Section 7, chapter 756, Laws 1873.)

Music.—Music for Central Park and City Parks 6,000 00

Harlem River Bridges.—For the repairs, improvement and maintenance of bridges now over Harlem river, including the rebuilding and maintenance of the bridges known as Farmers' Bridge and Kings bridge, and including the rebuilding and maintenance of the bridges over Cromwell's Creek, at One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, over Tibbett's Brook, Mill Brook, and other streams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards 50,000 00
(Section 3, chapter 534, Laws 1871.)

Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.—For the maintenance and government of public places, streets, roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including supplies, salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work..... 80,000 00
(Section 14, chapter 329, Laws, 1874.)

<i>Bronx River Bridges.</i> —For the rebuilding and the repairs and maintenance of bridges over the Bronx river in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards within the city limits.	5,000 00
<i>Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.</i> —For surveying, laying-out and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the northerly end of Manhattan Island, north of the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work.....	20,000 00
(Sec. 14, chaps. 329 and 604, Laws 1874.)	
<i>Tax and Assessment Maps.</i> —For making and completing maps Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments	12,000 00
(Chap. 411, Laws 1876.)	
<i>Manhattan Square.</i> —For the improvement of Manhattan Square, by draining, filling in, grading, etc.....	50,000 00
<i>Walks, Central Park.</i> —For laying new and repairing old walks in the Central Park.....	30,000 00
<i>Walks, City Parks.</i> —For laying new and repairing old walks in the City parks and places, other than Central Park.....	25,000 00
<i>Walk north side of Fifty-ninth street.</i> —For resetting curb and laying new walk on the broad walk on the north side of Fifty-ninth street, from Fifth to Eighth avenues.....	15,000 00
<i>Sewers and Drains.</i> —For cleaning and repairing sewers and drains in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	7,500 00

<i>Surveys and Maps.</i> —For making surveys, and maps for the opening of streets and avenues for the use of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.....	\$6,500 00
(Chapter 579, Laws 1880.)	
<i>Preliminary Surveys and Plans.</i> —For making preliminary surveys and plans of projected sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the cost of the same not being chargeable to assessments.....	5,000 00
<i>Maps for Drains.</i> —For making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	1,000 00
(Section 2, chapter 360, Laws 1880.)	
<i>Rents.</i> —To pay rents of offices, stables, and yards for the use of the Department, under agreements entered into by the Comptroller, by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.	3,500 00
<i>Skate Building.</i> —For the erection of a building on the Central Park for the accommodation of the public during skating seasons.....	10,000 00
<i>Third avenue, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Intersections, reflagging, etc.</i> —For reflagging, curbing, etc., and putting in proper conditions the intersections of streets on the line of Third avenue, between the Harlem river and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, by order of the Common Council and approved by the Mayor, June 27, 1881.....	6,500 00
<i>Central Park.</i> —For the filling, shaping and completion of the northwestern corner of Central Park at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street.....	25,000 00

<i>Water for Central Park.</i> —For the purpose of making tests and obtaining information for securing a better supply of water for irrigation and for the lakes in Central Park, including labor, material and machinery.....	\$5,000 00
<i>Enclosing Wall Central Park.</i> —For the purpose of erecting and completing the enclosing wall to the Central Park on Eighth avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.....	15,000 00
<i>Central Park, Transverse Road No. 2.</i> —For grading, paving, curbing, and laying sidewalk and crosswalks of Transverse Road No. 2 through the Central Park at Seventy-ninth street.....	34,000 00
<i>Central Park, Transverse Roads No. 4.</i> —For grading, paving, curbing, and laying sidewalks and crosswalks of Transverse Road No. 4 through the Central Park at Ninety-seventh street.....	34,000 00
<i>Central Park, Transverse Road Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Seventy-ninth streets.</i> —For repairs and maintenance of Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Seventy-ninth streets.....	22,000 00
<i>Central Park, New Building at Mount St. Vincent.</i> —For the erection of buildings in Central Park at the site known as Mount St. Vincent, for the accommodation of visitors to the Park.....	75,000 00
<i>Central Park, Nursery and Propagating Houses.</i> —For the erection of buildings and arrangement of the grounds at the northeast corner	

of the Central Park, for the propagation and care of plants and trees.....	\$50,000 00
<i>Riverside Park and Avenue.</i> —For the improvement and maintenance of Riverside Park and avenue.....	50,000 00

Departmental estimates approved.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Departmental estimates for the year 1882, as this day presented, be approved, and that the Chairman appoint a Committee of two who shall have power to present such estimates to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with such explanations as they may deem necessary.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Departmental estimates for the year 1882, as this day presented, be approved, and that the members of the Board shall have power to present said estimates to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with such explanations as they may deem necessary.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, as offered by Commissioner Wales, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioners MacLean and Wales as such Committee.

Sedgwick avenue—Improvement of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That all further proceedings under the resolution, adopted by this Board July 26, 1881, relating to Sedg-

wick avenue, be discontinued; that the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed straightway to improve said avenue, according to the plans and specifications in said resolution adopted, and that an experienced foreman, a competent engineer, six good double teams, and sixty able-bodied men be appointed and employed for the immediate prosecution of said improvement; and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be appointed a Committee with power to select such persons for appointment.

Commissioner LANE moved as an amendment that the name of Commissioner Lane be added to said Committee.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, as offered by Commissioner MacLean, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 3 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, Commissioner LANE was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Aldermen—Resolutions.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following preamble and resolutions, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, and approved by the Mayor :

Brook avenue—Grade of.

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor did, on August 23, 1881, return, without his approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen and accompanying ordinance, adopted July 26, 1881, providing that Brook avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and a point 174 feet south of the north line of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, be regulated and graded, “for the reason that the Engineers of the Department of Public Parks are of the opinion that the grades at present established for Brook avenue should be revised before the work of regulating and grading this avenue is carried out;” and

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen has been frequently petitioned by the property-owners along the line of said avenue for the passage of resolutions regulating and grading the same, and as it is desirable that the prayers of these

petitioners should be granted as soon as possible, in order that an improvement so essential to the growth and development of the Twenty-third Ward be no longer delayed ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested and urged to revise, fix, and establish the grades of Brook avenue at the earliest possible moment, and that as soon as said grades are so revised and established to direct their engineers to prepare and transmit to this Board, for its consideration, proper resolutions for regulating and grading said avenue in accordance with said revised grades.

Ordered filed.

One Hundred and Forty-seventh street—Repairs to.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of Public Parks be called to the dangerous and disgraceful condition of One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between Robbins and Tinton avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward, and that they be and are hereby requested to take immediate steps to repair the same.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Fairmount and Prospect avenues and Broadway—Repairs to.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be called to the condition of Fairmount avenue, Prospect avenue and Broadway, formerly Grove street, Fairmount, Twenty-fourth Ward, and that they be requested to take immediate steps to repair the same.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Trees on line of Third avenue.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, enclosing a communication from G. C. Goeller, desiring the removal of three trees from the middle of the sidewalk of Third avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

From William C. Morton, complaining of the condition of the sidewalk on Third avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, in consequence of trees standing in middle of sidewalk.

Referred to Commissioner OLLIFFE to report on.

Park at Mott Haven—Petition to take lands.

From B. Richardson, Caroline Roe, Robert Simpson, and others, property-owners, requesting that early action be taken in regard to acquiring title to the land included within the limits of the park laid out on a map adopted August 3, 1881.

Referred to Commissioner MACLEAN to report upon.

Museum Natural History—For detail of Park-keepers.

From M. K. Jesup, requesting that an additional policeman be detailed at the American Museum of Natural History.

Said communication was ordered filed and the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History notified that the force of Park-keepers of the Department is not sufficiently large to allow of such detail.

Bridges at Mott Haven.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the dangerous condition of the bridge over the Mott Haven Canal at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and the Spuyten Duyvil Railroad bridge at Mott Haven.

Referred to the Secretary to notify the parties interested to proceed with the repairs to said bridges.

Drainage at Henry street.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department in the matter of drainage on the south side of Henry street, between Third and Bergen avenues, and stating that the necessary repairs are now being made.

Ordered filed.

Drawbridge, Westchester avenue—Repairs to

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner MACLEAN be appointed a committee with power to arrange for and make the necessary repairs to the drawbridge over the Bronx river at Westchester avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Inventory of tools, etc.

From William Van Valkenburgh, clerk, presenting an inventory of the property of the Department.

Referred to Commissioners WALES and OLLIFFE to report upon.

Farmers' bridge—Repairs to.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to the condition of the Farmers' bridge over the Harlem river.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the work of repairing the Farmers' bridge be done without delay, and that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans and specifications for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Madison avenue bridge—Dumping against piers.

From Jno. Beattie, Contractor, for building piers and abutments to the Madison avenue bridge, stating that the contractor for the approaches to said bridges is dumping material behind the piers injuring the masonry.

Referred to Commissioner MACLEAN with power.

Bertholf, Henry—Increase of pay.

From Henry Bertholf, bridge-tender, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Bontecou, Daniel—Resignation

From Daniel Bontecou, resigning his position as Assistant Engineer in the Department.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said resignation was accepted with regret.

Manhattan square—Work on.

From the Superintending Architect, in relation to the progress of the work on Manhattan square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of sixteen laborers be authorized for work on Manhattan square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Works in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Works under Superintending Architect.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspensions Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved and ordered filed.

Receiving-basins--Brook avenue.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting in relation to the receiving-basins on Brook avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and the Southern Boulevard, complained of by the Health Department, and recommending that said basins be cleaned and the missing basin covers be replaced.

On motion, the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was directed to proceed with said work.

Comptroller--Relative to pay-rolls.

From the Comptroller, requesting that the pay-rolls of mechanics, laborers, etc., be promptly prepared, when due, and sent to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the labor pay-rolls be hereafter transmitted to this office on the Tuesday of each fortnight after the same are due.

Riverside Park--Outlet sewers.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to constructing outlet sewers from the Riverside Park to the Hudson river.

Ordered filed.

One Hundred and Fifty-third street--Regulating and grading.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Third to Fourth avenue, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Aldermen.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Third and Fourth avenues, this day presented by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Topographical Engineer,
Acting Engineer of Construction, } Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Kerker vs. Temple—Summons and complaint.

Commissioner LANE presented a summons and complaint in the matter of *Kerker vs. Temple*, and moved that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel to appear and defend the same.

Commissioner WALES moved that the subject be laid over.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion of Commissioner Wales, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion of Commissioner Lane, and it was

determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 28th inst., at 9.30 A. M.

Temporary bridge over Bronx river.

Commissioner MACLEAN, presenting a bill of N. F. Jones, amounting to \$300, for one half the cost of constructing the temporary bridge over the Bronx river, at Williamsbridge, and moved that it be approved and sent to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$246 30
Am. Dis. Tel'h Co., rent and services. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	56 35
Benoit, A. V., cord. tape, etc.....Broadway and 23d and 24th Wards.	13 70
Beck, Louis D., Gravel.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	534 56
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	580 56

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$551 86
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	583 94
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	580 15
Candee & Smith, brick and cement....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$30 00
	Laying Walks in Central Park...	14 00
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		44 00
Coffin, Paul C., trowel, butts and files	Labor Maint. and Supplies.....	11 90
Coffin, Paul C., spikes, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$21 90
	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards.....	3 00
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		24 90
Gibson, Wm., stone boats.....	Manhattan sq., Impt. of.....	12 00
Independent Calcium Light Co., calcium lights	Music	150 00
McKesson and Robbins, potash, soda, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	5 65
McClave, E. W. & Co., boards and flooring	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$39 44
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	11 00
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		50 44
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1... Reg., Grad., Set- ting Curb and Gutter, etc., 158th st., from 3d ave. to Rail- road avenue ...		1,470 00
New York Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement, etc	Laying Walks, Central Park...	275 12
Oastler, Wm. Churchill, steam roller..	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of.	\$2,000 00
	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of.....	2,000 00
	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards, Maint. of.....	2,000 00
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		6,000 00

Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$10 99	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	84	
	Harlem R. B., Reps. Impt. and Maint.....	1 68	
			\$13 51
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, oils, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		100 80
Tatham and Bro., sheet lead.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		43 50
Wright, R. J., corn, oats, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$860 20	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	163 86	
			1,024 06
			<u>\$12,373 30</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$3,989 90	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	422 00	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	21 90	
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	2,000 00	
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	2,000 00	
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards.....	2,016 70	
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	12 00	
Music.....	150 00	
Laying Walks—Central Park.....	289 12	
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	1 68	
Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter, etc., 158th street, from 8d avenue to Railroad avenue.....	1,470 00	
		<u>\$12,373 30</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand three hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 20, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Boller, A. P., services.....Bronx R. Bdgs....	\$500 00
	\$500 00

Amounting to the sum of five hundred dollars.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, September 21, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sewer in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That a sewer and appurtenances be built in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue, with a branch in St. Ann's avenue to One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, and that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans, specifications, and form of contract for doing the work, and submit the same to this Board for approval.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Obelisk—railing around.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Jacob Wrey Mould to prepare a design appropriate for a railing around the Obelisk at the Central Park.

Permits—Renewal of.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That permits for carts and trucks to stand around the several city parks be authorized to be renewed for a term of one year, and subject to the pleasure of the Board.

Death of President Garfield.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Whereas, His Honor, the Mayor of this city, has announced in an official message to the Common Council the painful intelligence of the death of President Garfield at Long Branch, on the 19th inst., and recommending that suitable recognition be taken of the sad event, this Department desires to place upon its minutes a record of its high appreciation of the illustrious character and virtues of the late Chief Magistrate, whose untimely death at the hands of an assassin has bowed the nation in the deepest grief and elicited the sympathies of the whole world. It is fitting, therefore, in the presence of this great national bereavement, that this Board should now adjourn, and that the flags of the Department be displayed at half mast until the funeral obsequies are over, and that all the work of the Department be suspended and the offices closed on the day of the funeral.

Which was seconded by Commissioner OLLIFFE, and unanimously adopted. Whereupon the Chairman declared the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner LANE in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received.

Board of Aldermen—Crosswalks, Locust avenue and Boston Road.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Parks be and they are hereby requested to repair and relay the crosswalk at the intersection of Locust avenue with the Boston Road, West Farms, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Ordered filed.

Appropriation for new parks—Annexed district.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolutions, adopted September 23, 1881.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue from time to time as may be required and at such rate of interest as he may determine not exceeding five per cent. per annum, “Revenue Bonds of the City of New York,” to the amount of twelve thousand dollars, as authorized by section 2 of chapter 461, Laws of 1881 ;

Resolved, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay the revenue bonds issued or to be issued pursuant to the provisions of chapter 461, Laws of 1881, entitled "An act to authorize the improvement of the public parks or places at the intersection of Third avenue and Boston avenue and of Franklin and Fulton avenues in the City of New York.

Ordered filed.

Appropriation—Art Museum Building.

From John Taylor Johnson, desiring that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the tax levy for 1882 the sum of sixty thousand dollars for the enlargement and alteration of the building in the Central Park now in the occupation of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Whereas, By chapter 375 of the Laws of 1881, the Department of Public Parks with the concurrence of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, are authorized to enlarge the building now erected upon that part of the Central Park east of the old receiving reservoir, and now in the possession and occupation of the Metropolitan Museum of Art ; and

Whereas, The trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art have applied to this Board to certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the sum of sixty thousand dollars will be necessary for the enlargement of the buildings before mentioned,

Therefore resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby respectfully requested to include in the tax levy for the year 1882, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, said amount being necessary for the prosecution of the work as hereinbefore mentioned, and that the Comptroller be authorized to provide said funds upon the requisition of the Department of Public Parks.

Laid over.

Bridge at Mott avenue.

From J. H. Rutter, Third Vice-President of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, in relation to the erection of a new iron bridge over Mott avenue.

Ordered filed.

Gans, August E., for employment.

From August E. Gans, desiring employment as Assistant Engineer or draughtsman.

Ordered filed.

McGill, William—Restored to duty.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of William McGill, laborer.

Commissioner WALES moved that William McGill, laborer, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Broadway—Laborers and double teams to be employed.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the employment of fifteen additional laborers and four double teams for work on the improvement of Broadway.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of sixteen laborers and four double teams be authorized for work on Broadway.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the employment of sixteen laborers and four double teams be authorized for work on Broadway, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select the same for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Gibson, James—Discharged.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of James Gibson, laborer on Sedgwick avenue, for neglect of duty and disobedience.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, said James Gibson was discharged from the employ of the Department.

Jerome avenue—Watering.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending that the double teams employed in watering Jerome avenue on race days, be allowed to work extra time for the purpose of keeping said avenue in proper condition.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the double teams employed in sprinkling Jerome avenue, be allowed to work during the night-time, during the race days at Jerome Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean Olliffe—4.

Sewers.—Laborers appointed to clean.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the employment of three additional laborers to assist in the work of cleaning sewers and drains.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of three laborers be authorized to assist in cleaning sewers and drains in the Twenty-

third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at \$1.75 per day, while they are so employed, and that Commissioners WALES and OLLIFFE be authorized to select the same for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Foot bridge across Harlem river.

From W. H. Hays, Jas. McCreery, Jos. J. Potter and others, desiring permission to erect a temporary foot-bridge across Harlem river, in the vicinity of Fordham Heights station of the New York City and Northern Railroad.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That permission be, and the same hereby is given to William H. Hays, James McCreery, Joseph J. Potter, and Frank G. Green, residents of Inwood, to build and maintain, at the expense and cost of themselves and such other persons as may join with them therefor during the pleasure of this Board, to be exercised upon a notice of ten days to one or more of the persons above named, and according to plans and of materials approved by the Acting Engineer of Construction, from a point at or near Two Hundred and Seventh street, on Manhattan Island, to the opposite shore, a temporary foot bridge for the free accommodation of all orderly foot passengers who may desire to use the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Viele, E. L.—Appropriation Riverside park and avenue.

General E. L. Viele appeared before the Board, recommending that the appropriation asked for in the Departmental Esti-

mates for 1882, for the improvement and maintenance of Riverside Park and avenue, be increased to \$200,000.

From D. C. Calvin, recommending Jas. O'Rielly for appointment.

Referred to Commissioner WALES to report upon.

Money deposited by Secretary.

The Secretary presented a statement of moneys deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, Sept. 21, 1881.

1881.	LICENSE.	
Sept. 1.	Jos. J. Snow, pony service June and July....	\$17 23
" 6.	Isidor Isaac, carrousel service.....	26 19
" 6.	" " goat carriage service.....	26 20
" 7.	Carl H. Schultz, mineral water service....	18 10
" 9.	John Lucas, donkey service.....	7 63
" 12.	Jno. T. McMahon, refreshments, E. R. Park..	9 91
" 12.	Jno. Wright, swings.....	12 58
" 16.	Joseph J. Snow, pony service.....	7 37
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		\$125 21
	PERMITS.	
Sept. 15.	Jno. Franklin, sewer connection.....	\$10
" 16.	Jno. Ferry, " "	10
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		20 00
	POUND.	
Sept. 20.	Property Clerk's office—receipts from pound.....	6 00
	GRASS.	
Sept. 6.	Property Clerk's office—receipts from grass..	110 00
	SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.	
Sept. 16.	Daniel Malone, Croton tap.....	6 00
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		\$267 21
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Railing around Obelisk.

From Jacob Wrey Mould, Architect, presenting a design for a railing around the Obelisk in the Central Park.

Laid over.

German Organization—Recommending L. A. Risse, etc.

A copy of preambles and resolutions was received from the German American Independent Organization of the Twenty-fourth Assembly District, relative to the employment of laborers, and recommending Louis A. Risse, for the position of Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	South'n Boulevard,		
	Maint. of.....		\$18 00
Colgate & Company, soap.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies.		1 44
Cohu, A. B. & Co., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies.	\$3 05	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	6 50	
	B'way, 23d & 24th		
	Wards, maint.		
	of.....	31 50	
		—————	41 05
Halsey, Geo. W., hay, oats, etc.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....		61 74
Harmer, Hays & Co., robe and snap...	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies.	\$1 13	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	1 50	
		—————	2 63

Howard & Moore, iron, wire.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$1 32	
Jones, N. F., temporary bridge.....	Bronx R. Bridges..	300 00	
E. W. McClave & Co., lumber and posts.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	[\$32 85	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and Maint.....	13 80	
			46 65
McClave, E. W. & Co., maple and boards.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$33 00	
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	187 50	
			220 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, brackets and elbows.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$72 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	3 89	
			75 89
Moffit, David & Co., harness, leather..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 99
Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$9 85	
	South'n Boulevard, Maint of.....	9 00	
			18 85
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., mourning decoration.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		40 00
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., mocking bird food.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		12 00
			<u>\$848 06</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$313 11	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	50 21	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	112 44	
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	27 00	
Broadway 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of.....	31 50	
Bronx River Bridges.....	300 00	
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.....	13 80	
		<u>\$848 06</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight hundred and forty-eight dollars and six cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 27, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$637 55
Manning, John, stone and filling.....	Manhattan Sq., impt. of.....	420 00
Rohrey, John, harness.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	68 00
		\$1,125 55
		\$1,125 55

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$637 55
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	420 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	68 00
	\$1,125 55
	\$1,125 55

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-five cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 28, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bates, Benjamin—Carr, James—restored.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Benjamin Bates and James Carr be restored to work as laborers on Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bell, Gatekeeper—honorable mention.

From Captain Beaty reporting relative to the stopping of a runaway horse by Gatekeeper Bell on the 20th instant.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Ordered, That honorable mention be made on the minutes of the Department of the meritorious conduct of Gatekeeper Thomas Bell in stopping a runaway horse in the Central Park on the 20th instant.

Foreman Riverside avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the temporary appointment of a foreman for work on the Riverside avenue be and is hereby authorized, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select such person for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Departmental estimates.

On motion of Commissioner WALES the Departmental Estimates were then taken up and the consideration of the same proceeded with.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN the resolution found on page 231, adopting the Departmental estimates, was reconsidered.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the item *Salaries* be fixed at \$30,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioner Lane, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the item *Labor, Maintenance and Supplies* be fixed at \$275,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the item *Music* be fixed at \$5,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the items *Surveying, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and Tax and Assessment Maps* be consolidated and fixed at \$20,000 for the whole of said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the item *Manhattan Square* be fixed at \$35,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

In connection with item *Walks, Central Park, \$30,000*, Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That a memorandum be added that this item will not be asked for provided the Board of Estimate and Apportionment accedes to the request of this Department for a transfer of the unexpended balance of 1880.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the item *Walks, City Parks*, be fixed at \$20,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to strike out the item *Walks, north side of Fifty-ninth street*, \$15,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the items *Surveys and Maps, Preliminary Surveys and Plans, Maps for Drains*, be consolidated and fixed at \$12,000 for all of said works.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to strike out item *Central Park, filling and shaping the northwestern corner*, \$25,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to strike out item, *Central Park, new building at Mt. St. Vincent, \$75,000.*

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner WALES moved that the item *Riverside Park and Avenue* be fixed at \$75,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Commissioner OLLIFFE not voting.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Departmental Estimates for the year 1882, as amended, be approved, and that the Committee of two heretofore appointed, be authorized to present said estimates to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with such explanations as they may deem necessary.

Commissioner Lane offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Departmental Estimates for the year 1882, as amended, be approved, and that the members of the

Board shall have power to present said estimates to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with such explanations as they may deem necessary.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution of Commissioner MacLean, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 11.50 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS—DEPARTMENTAL ESTI-
MATES 1882.

Salaries.—To pay the salaries of the President, clerks, engineers, architects, and all employees of the Department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, laborers, and their foremen, employed in the work of maintaining the parks and places, also excepting the Topographical Engineer and his assistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... \$35,000 00

(Sections 83 and 112, chapter 335, Laws 1873.)

Police.—Salaries of Captains, Sergeants, Surgeon, patrolmen, gate-keepers, special patrolmen, and Police tailors. 150,000 00

(Section 6, chapter 290, Laws 1871.)

Uniforms and supplies..... 10,000 00

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.—For all supplies, and for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including maintenance Meteorological Observatory. 275,000 00

(Section 83, chapter 335, Laws 1873.)

Zoological Department.—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of Central Park, and for the construction and arrangement of better accommodations therefor..... \$125,000 00
(Section 5, chapter 26, Laws 1865.)

Maintenance of Museums.—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History and Metropolitan Museum of Art.... 30,000 00
(Section 7, chapter 756, Laws 1873.)

Music.—Music for Central Park and City Parks 6,000 00

Harlem River Bridges.—For the repairs, improvement and maintenance of bridges now over Harlem river, including the rebuilding and maintenance of the bridges known as Farmers' Bridge and Kings bridge, and including the rebuilding and maintenance of the bridges over Cromwell's Creek, at One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, over Tibbett's Brook, Mill Brook, and other streams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards 50,000 00
(Section 3, chapter 534, Laws 1871.)

Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.—For the maintenance and government of public places, streets, roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including supplies, salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work..... 80,000 00
(Section 14, chapter 329, Laws 1874.)

Bronx River Bridges.—For the rebuilding and the repairs and maintenance of bridges over the Bronx river in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards within the city limits. \$5,000 00

Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.—For surveying, laying-out and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the northerly end of Manhattan Island, north of the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work, and for making and completing maps Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments ' 20,000 00
 (Sec. 14, chaps. 329 and 604, Laws 1874.)
 (Chap. 411, Laws 1876.)

Manhattan Square.—For the improvement of Manhattan Square, by draining, filling in, grading, etc. 35,000 00

Walks, Central Park.—For laying new and repairing old walks in the Central Park 30,000 00

This item will not be asked for, provided the Board of Estimate and Apportionment accedes to the request of this Department, for a transfer of the unexpended balance of 1880.

Walks, City Parks.—For laying new and repairing old walks in the City parks and places, other than Central Park \$20,000 00

Walk north side of Fifty-ninth street.—For resetting curb and laying new walk on the broad walk on the north side of Fifty-ninth street, from Fifth to Eighth avenues. 15,000 00

<i>Sewers and Drains.</i> —For cleaning and repairing sewers and drains in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	\$7,500 00
<i>Surveys, Maps and Plans in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.</i> —For making surveys and maps for the opening of streets and avenues for the use of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments, and for making preliminary surveys and plans not assessable, of projected sewers and drains, and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains.....	12,000 00
<i>Rents.</i> —To pay rents of offices, stables, and yards for the use of the Department, under agreements entered into by the Comptroller, by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	3,500 00
<i>Skate Building.</i> —For the erection of a building on the Central Park for the accommodation of the public during skating seasons.....	10,000 00
<i>Third avenue, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Intersections, reflagging, etc.</i> —For reflagging, curbing, etc., and putting in proper condition the intersections of streets on the line of Third avenue, between the Harlem river and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, by order of the Common Council and approved by the Mayor, June 27, 1881.....	6,500 00
<i>Central Park.</i> —For the filling, shaping and completion of the northwestern corner of Central Park at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street.....	25,000 00

<i>Water for Central Park.</i> —For the purpose of making tests and obtaining information for securing a better supply of water for irrigation and for the lakes in Central Park, including labor, material and machinery.....	\$5,000 00
<i>Enclosing Wall Central Park.</i> —For the purpose of erecting and completing the enclosing wall to the Central Park on Eighth avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.....	15,000 00
<i>Central Park, Transverse Road No. 2.</i> —For grading, paving, curbing, and laying sidewalk and crosswalks of Transverse Road No. 2 through the Central Park at Seventy-ninth street.....	34,000 00
<i>Central Park, Transverse Road No. 4.</i> —For grading, paving, curbing, and laying sidewalks and crosswalks of Transverse Road No. 4 through the Central Park at Ninety-seventh street.....	34,000 00
<i>Central Park, Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Seventy-ninth streets.</i> —For repairs and maintenance of Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Seventy-ninth streets.....	22,000 00
<i>Central Park, New Building at Mount St. Vincent.</i> —For the erection of buildings in Central Park at the site known as Mount St. Vincent, for the accommodation of visitors to the Park.....	75,000 00

Central Park, Nursery and Propagating Houses.—

For the erection of buildings and arrangement of the grounds at the northeast corner of the Central Park, for the propagation and care of plants and trees \$50,000 00

*Riverside Park and Avenue.—*For the improvement and maintenance of Riverside Park and avenue..... 50,000 00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, Commissioner WALES was called to the Chair.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, 6th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner WALES in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meetings of September 28 and October 5, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Works in progress, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Disposition of working force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending September 24, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Briggs, J. A.—For increase of pay.

From Josiah A. Briggs, Assistant Engineer, desiring an increase of compensation.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Kiley & Campbell—Claims for damages.

From Kiley & Campbell, presenting a bill amounting to \$66.27 for repairing the damage received by the tugboat "D. K. Neal," at the Third avenue bridge, over the Harlem river.

Referred to Commissioner MACLEAN.

Health Department—Drainage of Mill Brook.

From the Health Department, transmitting a copy of a report relative to the defective drainage of Mill Brook, from One Hundred and Sixty-ninth to One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, and from One Hundred and Forty-seventh to One Hundred and Forty-second streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Beckett, John—To be allowed pay.

From Jno. Beckett, desiring to be allowed pay for the 27th September last.

Ordered filed.

Engineer of Construction—Work in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Laborers—For increase of pay.

A petition was received from the laborers employed on Sedgwick avenue asking for an increase of pay.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Whereas, Inasmuch as the wages paid by this Department for labor in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards are less than those paid by private parties, and it is therefore difficult to secure and retain able-bodied men upon such work ; now be it

Resolved, That laborers employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be in future paid at the rate of \$1.76 per day.

Resolved, That due application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the transfer of the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriation for 1881 for "Salaries" to the appropriation for 1881 for "Maintenance in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Superintending Architect—Works in progress.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Kerker vs. Temple.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to a suit brought by A. L. Kerker against Mr. Temple, owner of a tug employed to remove the float of Mr. Kerker from its mooring place at the steps of Third avenue bridge, to recover damages for such removal, and desiring to know if it is the wish of this Department that he should intervene and defend Mr. Temple.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the papers relative to the suit of Kerker *vs.* Temple be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation with the request that he appear and defend said suit.

Laid over.

Invitation to witness parade.

From the New York Commission for the Reception of the French guests, inviting the Commissioners to participate in the Governor's military review in Madison square, on this date.

Accepted.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 12th inst., at 9.30 A. M., for the purpose of receiving and opening proposals, as advertised for in *The City Record*.

Railroad avenue—Petition to open.

Commissioner OLLIFFE presented a petition signed by Henry Lewis Morris, John E. Poillon, Chas. Baldwin and others, property owners, asking that the Department take the action necessary for the opening of Railroad avenue, east from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to the Harlem River, and that as soon as the same shall be opened that an outlet sewer be constructed therein.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to examine and report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aguirre, A. A., lettering maps	Making maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. T., and A., 1880	\$23 98
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Brenner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps. and Impts. Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$52 50 6 00	
		<hr/>	\$58 50
Bowes, John J. & Bro., Estimate No. 4.....	Fourth ave. parks, Impt., of....		1,385 86
Coffin, Paul C., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... M'h'n sq, Impt., of..... Harlem R. Bdg., Reps. and Impts. Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$11 06 83 84 42	
		<hr/>	13 15
Early & Lane, brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... Maint. Zool. Dept. Harlem R. Bdg., Reps. and Impts.	\$20 00 67 3 33	
		<hr/>	24 00
Foster, Robert L., tallow.....	Harlem R. Bdg. Reps. and Impts.		6 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., horse sheets.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		5 85
Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... Maint. Zool. Dept. Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.... Morningside Park, Imp't of.....	\$92 60 4 53 17 86 2 15	
		<hr/>	117 14
Hilton, E. G., couplings.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		18 00
Hoyt, J. B., & Co. leather and sheep- skins.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... Harlem R. Bdg., Reps. and Impt.	\$9 00 3 50	
		<hr/>	12 50

McArthur, I., & Co., steel brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$21 67	
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps. and Impts.	4 33	
		<hr/>	\$26 00
McNab & Harlin M'fg Co., sundries...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$12 02	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	25	
		<hr/>	12 27
McClave, E. W., & Co., yellow pine, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		222 56
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		7 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		36 36
New York Coal Tar Chemical Co., pav- ing cement.....	Laying W'lks, Cen- tral Park.....		255 12
Reynolds, C.T., & Co., putty, paints, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		108 45
Stewart, A. T., & Co., duck, ticking, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		13 60
Smith, J. Finley, paint brushes	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		21 60
Tatham & Brothers, solder.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		14 57
Van Riper, Chas, nails.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		2 50
Wright, R. J., hay.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		73 42
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			<u>\$2,458 93</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supples.....	\$607 34
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	86 12
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards,.....	27 03
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Impts., and Maintenance..	70 50
Manhattan square, Improvement of.....	83
Laying Walks—Central Park.....	255 12
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1880.....	23 98
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	1,385 86
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	2 15
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	<u>\$2,458 93</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-four hundred and fifty-eight dollars and ninety-three cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

New York, October 4, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Museum of Art—Appropriation.

Commissioner WALES called up the following preamble and resolution offered by him and laid over at a meeting of the Board held September 28, 1881, and moved its adoption :

Whereas, By chapter 375 of the Laws of 1881, the Department of Public Parks, with the concurrence of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, are authorized to enlarge the building now erected upon that part of the Central Park east of the old receiving reservoir, and now in the possession and occupation of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and,

Whereas, The Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art have applied to this Board to certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the sum of sixty thousand dollars will be necessary for the enlargement of the buildings before mentioned,

Therefore, resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby respectfully requested to include in the tax levy for the year 1882, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, said amount being necessary for the prosecution of the work as hereinbefore mentioned, and that the Comptroller be authorized to provide said funds upon the requisition of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Painters—Employment of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Whereas, It is expedient that prompt attention be given to the iron fences and other structures reported by the Superintendent as in immediate need of repainting ; be it

Resolved, That such a number, not exceeding twelve, of competent painters, be appointed, at \$2.50 a day, as the Superintendent shall advise, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be a committee to select proper persons for such appointment.

Commissioner LANE moved to amend said resolution by adding the name of Commissioner MacLean to said Committee.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bridge at Williams Bridge.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan for a bridge at Williams Bridge, adopted 9th April, 1881, be so far modified as to include wing walls for the abutments, making the total length of the face of the masonry not to exceed sixty feet, subject to the joint

approval of the Supervisors of the County of Westchester, and the Department of Public Parks.

Laid over,

O'Rielly, James, appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That James O'Rielly be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Gardener.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Lane, Smith, E., personal expenses.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$75 00
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent of line.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	125 00
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent of line.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	114 00
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$54 38
	Making maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Dep't Taxes and Ass'ts.	4 95
	Harlem riv. B., Rep., Imp't and Maint.	1 28

Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Bronx river B'dges	\$4 53	
Surveys, maps and plans.....	4 09	\$69 23
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Const. bridges over Harlem river..		8 75
		<u>\$391 98</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$314 90
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	54 38
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Dept., Taxes Assessments	4 95
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Imp., and Maint.....	1 28
Bronx River Bridges	4 53
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	4 09
Construction Bridges over Harlem river.....	8 75
	<u>\$391 98</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and ninety-one dollars and ninety-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

} *Auditing
Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 6, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, Olliffe—2.

Conklin, John—Time allowed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Conklin, laborer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be allowed three days' pay, he having

been suspended, but not having received his notice of suspension.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Allen, M. J.—To build private drain.

A petition was received from M. J. Allen, J. Richards, S. A. Sherwood and other property owners, desiring that Marshall J. Allen be allowed to lay a sewer-pipe at his own expense in Walton avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to the water course at the intersection of Walton avenue and One Hundred Sixty-second street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to examine and report upon.

Russell Pavement Co.—Contract abandoned.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Whereas, The Russell Pavement Company, contractors for the pavement of the Mall and Concert grounds in the Central Park, are in default upon their contract, the time limited for the performance of the same having expired, and they having done no work thereunder ;

Resolved, That the said contract be declared abandoned, and that notice of the same be transmitted to the Finance Department.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be informed that the contract for repaving the Mall heretofore awarded to the Russell Pavement Company, was allowed to lapse and was abandoned by said Company, and that the provision for the same is not in any event a charge upon the city.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Kerker vs. Temple.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the papers in the case of *Kerker vs. Temple*, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to appear and defend.

Commissioner MACLEAN raised the point of order that said resolution was out of order, inasmuch as the subject had already been considered and acted upon by this Board at a previous meeting.

The CHAIRMAN decided the point of order well taken.

By unanimous consent, Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the papers in the case of *Kerker vs. Temple* be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to appear and defend.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at 11.20 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES and the Comptroller of the City.

The opening of proposals, as called for by advertisements in the *City Record*, was postponed until Thursday, 13th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1881.

THE BOARD MET AT 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.

Commissioner WALES in the chair.

Pursuant to adjournment, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock, the Comptroller of the city being present and the meeting being open to the public, the Chairman, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, namely :

Mason and Granite Works for Two Parks in Fourth Avenue.

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Hogan Granite Company | \$9,000 00 |
| 2. Willis & Dyer | 4,482 00 |
| 3. Michael McGrath | 5,490 00 |

Iron Work for Two Parks in Fourth Avenue.

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Composite Iron Works | \$1,448 00 |
| 2. John J. Bowes & Bro | 1,712 00 |

Bids for Constructing Sewers and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets, between Third and Brook avenues, and in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-second streets.

No.	BIDDERS.	Estimated Quantities.														TOTAL OF EACH BID.
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
		3,845 Lineal Feet.	1,933 Lineal Feet.	940 Lineal Feet.	13 Basins.	79 Manholes.	500 Cubic Yards.	1,000 Feet (B. M.)	5,300 Pounds.	270 Square Feet.	30 Cubic Yards.	40 Cubic Yards.	6 Cubic Yards.	4 Cubic Yards.	Days.	
		12-inch Pipe Sewer, per Lineal Foot.	15-inch Pipe Sewer, per Lineal Foot.	18-inch Pipe Sewer, per Lineal Foot.	Receiving-basins, Each.	Manholes, Each.	Rock to be Excavated and Removed, per Cubic Yard.	Lumber, per 1,000 Feet (B. M.)	Rolled Iron I Beams and Straps, per lb.	Blue-stone Flagging, 2½-inch Thick, per Square Foot.	Rubble Masonry, in Mortar, per Cubic Yard.	Dry Rubble Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	Concrete, per Cubic Yard.	Brick Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	Time Calculated at \$4 per Day.	
1	William Everard	\$2 86	\$2 93	\$3 25	\$164 00	\$58 00	\$4 50	\$35 00	\$0 13	\$0 25	\$7 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$9 00	300	\$31,106 69
2	Bernard C. Murray	1 39	1 53	1 93	130 00	44 00	4 00	24 00	10	24	4 00	3 80	4 05	8 00	99	18,604 24
3	Jas. W. O'Grady	01	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	12 00	01	10	20	2 00	1 00	5 00	16 32	150	14,823 94

Bids for Constructing Sewers and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Third and Brook avenues, with Branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, and in Courtland avenue, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first street.

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No.	BIDDERS.	Estimated Quantities.													TOTAL OF EACH BID.
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
		2,224 Lineal Feet.	915 Lineal Feet.	8 Basins.	34 Manholes.	103 Cubic Yards.	1,000 Feet (B. M.)	2,085 Pounds.	105 Square Feet.	12 Cubic Yards.	15 Cubic Yards.	3 Cubic Yards.	2 Cubic Yards.	Days.	
		12-inch Pipe Sewer per Lineal Foot.	18-inch Pipe Sewer per Lineal Foot.	Receiving-basins, Each.	Manholes, Each.	Rock to be Excavated and Removed, per Cubic Yard.	Lumber, per 1,000 Feet (B. M.)	Rolled Iron I Beams and Straps, per lb.	Blue-stone Flagging, 2½ in. Thick, per Sq. Foot.	Rubble Masonry in Mortar, per Cubic Yard.	Dry Rubble Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	Concrete, per Cubic Yard.	Brick Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	Time Calculated at \$4.00 per Day.	
1	Pat'k Mulholland.	\$1 60	\$1 80	\$160 00	50 00	\$4 00	\$25 00	\$0 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	\$8,852 50
2	Wm. Everard.....	2 83	3 23	165 00	55 00	5 00	35 00	12	\$0 22	\$7 00	\$5 00	\$4 50	\$8 00	200	14,230 17
3	Bernard C. Murray	1 39	1 93	135 00	44 00	5 00	26 00	10	24	4 25	3 90	4 40	8 00	100	8,726 71
4	Jas. W. O'Grady..	½ 2 00	3 50	1	1 00	25 00	1 00	10	20	2 00	50	2 00	6 65	100	6,424 00
5	M. P. H. Casey ...	2 00	3 00	300 00	40 00	5 00	40 00	12	30	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	180	12,618 70

Bids for constructing Sewers and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Third avenue to the summit between Alexander and Willis avenues, with Branches in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

No.	BIDDERS.	Estimated Quantities.	12-inch Pipe Sewer, per Lineal Foot.	Spurs for House Connections, per Spur.	Receiving-basins, each.	Manholes, each.	Rock to be Excavated and Removed, per Cubic Yard.	Lumber, per 1,000 feet (B. M.).	Wrought Iron, Galvanized, per Pound.	Time Calculated at \$4.00 per Day.	TOTAL OF EACH BID.
		1,420 Lineal Feet.	124 Spurs.	1 Basin.	17 Manholes.	10 Cubic Yards.	1,000 Feet. (B. M.)	20 Pounds.	Days.		
1	James W. O'Grady.....	\$0 57	\$0 01	\$112 60	\$40 00	\$50 00	\$0 01	\$0 15	45	\$2,286 25	
2	Frederick C. Saportas.....	1 35	15	130 00	42 00	6 50	18 00	20	60	3,106 60	
3	Patrick Mulholland.....	1 55	1 80	160 00	50 00	10 00	.....	.....	10	3,574 20
4	M. P. H. Casey.....	2 50	25	300 00	50 00	5 00	5 00	10	60	5,028 00	
5	William Everard.....	2 85	40	175 00	60 00	7 00	40 00	18	150	6,005 20	
6	Bernard C. Murray.....	1 36	25	130 00	44 00	6 00	18 00	12	39	3,076 60	

Bids for Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Alexander and Willis avenues, with Branches in Willis and Alexander avenues, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

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No.	BIDDERS.	Estimated quantities.							Time calculated at \$4.00 per day.	TOTAL OF EACH BID.
		12 inch Pipe Sewer per linear foot.	Spurs for House Connections, per spur.	Receiving-basins, each.	Manholes, each.	Rock to be Excavated and Re-moved, per cubic yard.	Lumber per 1,000 feet (B. M.)	Concrete, per cubic yard.		
		1,100 linear feet.	37 Spurs.	1 Basin.	12 Manholes.	500 cubic yards.	1,000 feet (B.M.)	2 cubic yards.	Days.	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	Fred. C. Saportas.....	\$0 49	\$0 15	\$130 00	\$41 00	\$4 98	\$18 00	\$3 00	65	\$3,949 55
2	Patrick Mulholland.....	1 50	1 80	160 00	45 00	4 00	.....	.....	14	4,580 60
3	Jas. W. O'Grady.....	1 40	1 50	125 00	45 00	5 00	20 00	6 00	90	5,242 50
4	Wm. Everard.....	2 88	40	170 00	58 00	4 50	40 00	5 00	150	6,972 80
5	B. C. Murray.....	2 74	25	130 00	44 00	2 90	20 00	4 00	70	5,454 25
6	M. P. H. Casey.....	2 00	20	300 00	50 00	4 00	40 00	2 00	99	5,559 40

Bids for Macadamizing Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and also Building Culverts, Laying Drain Pipe, and Paving Gutters therein, from the road leading to Kingsbridge Station to a point 300 feet north of Van Cortlandt's Lane.

No.	BIDDERS.	Macadam Pavement, per Square Yard.	Dry Rubble Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	Pipe (45-in.) Drains, per Lineal Foot.	Gutter Repaved, per Square Yard.	New Pavement in Culverts and Gut- ters, per Square Yard.	TIME.	TOTAL OF EACH BID.
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
		9,600 Sq. Yards.	10 Cu. Yards.	475 Lin. Feet.	10 Sq. Yards.	10 Sq. Yards.	60 Days.	
1	M. A. Kellogg.....	\$0 98	\$4 00	\$1 25	\$0 20	\$1 00	60	\$10,053 75
2	Charles Guidet.....	1 13	4 00	1 75	0 18	0 90	..	11,730 05
3	James W. O'Grady.....	1 19	0 01	1 00	0 01	0 01	60	11,899 30
4	Edward N. Lynch.....	0 94	2 90	1 43	0 40	1 30	60	9,749 25
5	Edward Bradburn.....	1 35	4 90	1 60	0 40	2 00	..	13,793 00
6	William Everard.....	1 53	6 00	1 50	1 80	1 80	..	15,496 50

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner MacLean was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 6th, 12th, and 13th inst. were read, and, on motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, amended by striking out on page 270 the word “whereas,” and, as so amended, were approved.

Bronx River Bridge.

Mr. James Henderson, Jr., appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to matters necessary in connection with the construction of the bridges over the Bronx river.

A communication was received from A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, and E. B. Van Winkle, Acting Engineer of Construction, desiring that a Committee be appointed to confer with them relative to grades and approaches involved in the construction of the Bronx river bridges.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the whole subject was referred to Commissioner MacLean.

The following communications were received :

Commissioner of Public Works—Water supply.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the necessity of stopping the supply of water in the fountains in the public parks.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his action.

Transfer of Appropriations.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution, adopted October 14, 1881 :

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1880, for "Manhattan Square, Improvement of," which is in excess of the amount required for the purpose or objects thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1881, entitled "Bronx River Bridges, for Rebuilding, Repairing and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx river, within the city limits," which is insufficient.

Ordered filed.

Art Museum—Closing.

From L. P. di Cesnola, in relation to closing the Metropolitan Museum of Art from the 17th instant to November 1, 1881, during the preparations for the semi-annual exhibition.

Ordered filed.

Courtland avenue—Sewer.

From George Lauterbach, Oswald Fischer, and others property owners, applying for the construction of a sewer in Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-third streets.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks--Working force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force for the two weeks ending October 8, 1881.

Ordered filed.

O'Reilly, James—Suspension of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the employment of James O'Reilly, and stating that he had suspended him until the further action of the Board.

From William Van Valkenburgh, Clerk, in relation to allowing time on the pay-roll to James O'Reilly.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the action of the Superintendent of Parks be disapproved and that James O'Reilly be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Work in progress, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspensions, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during unfavorable weather.

Approved and ordered filed.

Transfers, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, desiring to make the following transfers :

Thomas O'Keefe, laborer, from Sedgwick avenue to Southern Boulevard.

Thomas Cavanagh, laborer, from Southern Boulevard to Sedgwick avenue.

Approved and ordered filed.

Sale of Animals.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the sale of sacred cattle and African buffalo.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe.

Haight, S. S.—Increase of salary.

From S. S. Haight, Assistant Engineer, asking for an increase of salary.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Pay of laborers cleaning sewers.

From John McGuinness, Patrick Kennedy, and John Kenney, laborers employed in cleaning sewers and drains, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Money deposited.

The SECRETARY presented a statement of the return of moneys made to the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

*Statement and Return of Moneys made to Comptroller, October 12, 1881.***PERMITS.**

Sept. 28, 1881.	James O'Kane, sewer connection.....	\$10 00
" 28, "	Philip Rice, " "	10 00
Oct. 3, "	Joseph Morgan, " "	10 00
" 3, "	Wm. Kavanagh, " "	10 00
" 4, "	Wm. Weatherwax, " "	10 00
" 4, "	James Duane, " "	10 00
" 7, "	Wm. E. Cooke, " "	10 00
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		\$70 00

LICENSES.

Oct. 5, 1881.	Isidor Isaac, goat carriages and carousal..	\$40 46
" 7, "	Thomas S. Dick, boats on Lake.....	250 00
" 8, "	Carl H. Schultz, mineral water.....	15 66
" 10, "	John Lucas, donkeys.....	7 88
" 10, "	Wm. Kyle, Harlem meer boats	3 46
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SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

Sept 30, 1881. John Wheeler, Croton tap.....	\$6 00	
	_____	\$6 00

		\$393 46

Repairs to Park Walks.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following preamble and resolutions adopted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor :

Whereas, It is impracticable to effect the urgently needed renovation of the walks in the several parks of the city, with the mechanical means at the disposal of the Department of Public Parks, and the delay incident to contracting for the work in the ordinary manner would make such repairs impossible during the present season ; now, be it therefore

Resolved, That it be and it hereby is ordered that the most frequented walks in the several parks of the city be forthwith put into thorough repair, and that the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and it hereby is authorized promptly to proceed therewith in such manner as it may deem best for the interest of the city, whether by open contract or otherwise ; provided that nothing herein shall be taken to authorize an expenditure greater than the amount now appropriated for the laying and repairing of such walks.

Ordered filed.

Office Hours.

Resolved, That resolution III. of the resolutions of the Common Council, as contained in the Revised Ordinances of 1880, page 226, be and is hereby amended by adding thereto the following : “ except every Saturday, when such offices shall be closed at 3 o'clock P. M.,” so that said resolution, when so amended, shall read as follows :

III.

Public Office Hours.

Section 3. *Resolutions.*—That all public offices of the City of New York shall be required to be opened from the hours of 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. for the transaction of public business, except every Saturday, when such offices shall be closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

Ordered filed.

Cleaning Sewers and Drains, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the communication of the Health Department relative to keeping the existing sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in repair during the year 1882.

Ordered filed.

Mill Brook—Condition of.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the report of the Sanitary Inspector of the Health Department in relation to the condition of Mill Brook, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets, and the feasibility of constructing a sewer in Railroad avenue, between said streets.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Weldon, Patrick--Restoration of.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Patrick Weldon, laborer.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that Patrick Weldon, laborer, be restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Farmer's Bridge—Repairs to.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, desiring permission to close the Farmer's bridge over the Harlem river, during repairs to the same.

On motion, it was ordered that the necessary repairs be made to said bridge, and that the same be closed during the progress of such repairs.

Works in progress, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Overtime—Sprinkling Jerome avenue.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the amount of overtime made by men and teams employed in sprinkling Jerome avenue.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That pay be allowed the following persons for overtime made while employed in sprinkling Jerome avenue :

Dennis Geoghegan, laborer,	60	hours.
Bernard Barry,	“	60 “
Wm. Dorin,	“	54 “
Wm. Young,	“	10 “
Eugene Slavin, double team,	54	“
James Johnson,	“	52 “
Leonard Dietch,	“	46 “
Patrick Lunny,	“	54 “
Michael Crotty,	“	54 “
Jackson Weeks,	“	54 “

Monitors detailed from Riverside drive, 14 hours.

Steam Engineer detailed from Central Park, 60 hours.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

149th street—Condition of.

From Jas. L. Parshall, in relation to the condition of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Railroad avenue to Courtland avenue.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Engineer Construction—Works in progress.

From the Topographical Engineer and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Sewer in Walton avenue.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition of Marshall J. Allen and others for permission to lay a sewer in Walton avenue, at their own expense.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, the Acting Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare a form of agreement with Marshall J. Allen for building a sewer in Walton avenue, at his own expense; care to be taken in the preparation of said agreement to properly protect the interest of this Department.

Bronx River Bridges—Extension of contract.

From N. F. Jones, desiring an extension of time for completing the contract for constructing bridges over Bronx river.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the time for the completion of the contract made by N. F. Jones with the city, for the erection of four bridges over the Bronx river, be extended for sixty days from the first November, 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Sewer Railroad Avenue—Protest against.

From John C. Mullany, John Coffey and others, property owners, protesting against the construction of a sewer in Railroad avenue.

Laid over.

Brush Electric Illuminating Co.—Pole in Union Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the condition

of the grass around the pole erected in Union square by the Brush Electric Illuminating Company.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power.

Shanty—Riverside Drive.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the unsightly appearance of an old shanty on Riverside Drive, containing a boiler and tools, the property of N. H. Decker.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Decker to remove the same.

Masterson, Edward—Cottage Laborer.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the title of Edward Masterson, laborer, be changed to that of "cottage laborer," to take charge of the Gentlemen's Cottage near Seventy-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and that he be paid at the same rate as the other cottage laborers.

Commissioner WALES moved that the title and pay of Edward Masterson, laborer, be changed to that of cottage laborer.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Fountain Drain at Madison Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the choking up of the drain from the fountain in Madison square, caused by the roots of willow trees.

Referred to Commissioner Wales to report upon.

Vaux, Calvert—To appoint.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Whereas, It is expedient that the Commissioners of Public Parks, in their effort to relieve the Central Park from the

crippled condition into which it has lapsed during years of neglect, have the assistance of the principal original designer of the Central Park ; therefore be it

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be appointed Superintending Architect to the Department of Public Parks, at a salary of \$1,000, in the place of Julius Munckwitz.

Olmsted, Frederick Law—To appoint.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the trees, plants, and shrubbery of the Central Park and the revision thereof, be placed under the charge of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, and that he be requested to confer with the Board in respect to his compensation.

Olmsted and Vaux—To be appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following as a further substitute :

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux be appointed, at a compensation to be agreed upon, to make an examination of the planting on the Central Park, and to report to this Board what, in their judgment, should be done to improve its character and appearance.

Parsons, Samuel B.—To appoint.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a further substitute :

Resolved, That Samuel B. Parsons be appointed Consulting Landscape Architect to this Department, at a compensation to be agreed upon.

Commissioner LANE raised, as a point of order, the objection that not more than three resolutions can be entertained upon the same subject.

The CHAIR declared that the several resolutions, substitutes, and amendments offered would be entertained in their order.

Commissioner WALES presented the following communication, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

Superintendent of Parks—Tribune article.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, NEW YORK, }
 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS, }
 MUSEUM BUILDING, 64TH ST. AND 5TH AVE., }
 October 17, 1881. }

To Hon. SALEM H. WALES,

Commissioner Department of Public Parks :

SIR—To-day's *Tribune* makes certain editorial comments, professedly based upon but hardly borne out by the statement of a reporter. In view of the attention attracted by them, I beg to say that, while I am glad to bear witness to the evidently intended fairness of the *Tribune's* representative, he has considered what I mentioned as the views and wishes of certain citizens for my own opinions and purposes, and mistaken a modest clearing away of underbrush and dead growth for a change in the general features in the Central Park.

I regard it my duty to give all the information I can to any citizen who requests it, and I am especially willing to accommodate any one in a position to impart information of interest to the public to a wider circle than a private person can reach; but I need not assure you, who know me, that I shall submit my views or plans for material changes or improvements to the head of the Department before I in anywise discuss them elsewhere.

Respectfully,

ANEURIN JONES,
Superintendent of Public Parks.

Commissioner WALES moved that said preamble and resolution lay over, and that the further consideration of the same be postponed until the next meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent of Parks—Trimming trees and shrubs

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the conduct of Aneurin Jones, Superintendent of Parks, in cutting the trees and shrubs in Central Park, has been in violation of the regulations of the Department, which places that work under the charge of the Superintending Gardener, Mr. Fischer, and directs (section 4) that "nothing be done on the ground occupied by trees, shrubs or plants, except under his orders or with his approval" (see Regulations, September 6, 1875, page 261, Minutes of the Board), and that his conduct has also been without any authority or direction from the Board, and that he be forbidden to proceed further with such work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Plans for.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the preliminary plan for the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge, as submitted by A. P. Boller, be approved, and that Mr. Boller is hereby requested and employed to prepare, subject to the approval of this Board, detailed plans and specifications for the construction of such superstructure. Said construction to be under Mr. Boller's professional superintendence, for which plans, specifications, and superintendence Mr. Boller is to receive five per cent. upon the actual cost of such construction.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner OLLIFFE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Cohu, A. B. & Co., shovels and wheelbarrows.....	Sedgwick ave. maint.....	\$53 88
Foster, Robert L., tallow.....	S'th'n Boulevard, Maintenance of.	12 00
Hilton, E. G., couplings.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards,....	12 00

Howell, A. J., trap-rock.....S'th'n Boulevard, Maintenance of.	\$516 00
Howell, A. J., screenings.....Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	464 00
Howell, A. J., trap-rock.....S'th'n Boulevard, Maintenance of.	516 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	69 97
Manning, John W., stone and mould..Manhattan square Impt. of.....	545 00
McClave, E. W. & Co., timber.....Har. R. B., Reps., Impt. & Maint..	67 00
Smith, J. Finley, feather dusters.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies	10 80
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$80 77
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	545 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	476 00
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	1,044 00
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	53 88
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.....	67 00
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	\$2,266 65
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-five cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE. } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 13, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables .	Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$244 15
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Maint 23d and 24th Wards....	18 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$10 50
	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....	1 05
	Laying walks, Cen- tral Park.....	1 05
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., Impts..	1 40
		14 00
Benoit, A. V., drawing paper	Morningside P., Impt. of.....	21 60
Benoit, A. V., steel tapes.....	Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards Dept. T. & A..	9 60
Bouton & Smith, dash leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	7 98
Cohu, A. B. & Co., bird seed.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	11 50
Coffin, Paul C., galvanized clamps	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem river...	27 84
Early & Lane, baskets.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	30 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	11 70
Harmer, Hays & Co., saddle pads, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	17 25
Manhattan Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	31 05
Mallen, Owen, blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	7 50

McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., water guages.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., Impts....	\$3 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grate bars....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	22 95
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses, Mus., N. H.....	Maint. Museums..	1,343 30
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	29 48
Oastler, Wm. Churchill, rent steam rollers. S'th'n Boulevard, Maintenance of.		135 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	8 40
Shady, James H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 00
Slattery, Jas., mould.....	Manhattan Sq., Impts. of.....	800 00
Seymour, Wm. & Co., picks, hammers, etc. Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of.....		94 51
Stewart, A. T. & Co., towels, muslin, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$9 28
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	1 11
	Surveying, Laying, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	1 39
		11 78
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	39 80
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$170 19
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	313 96
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	801 05
Laying Walks—Central Park.....	1 05
Maintenance Museums.....	1,343 30
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards....	25 50
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	135 00
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	94 51
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	4 40
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1 39
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Department Taxes and Assessments.....	9 60

Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	\$21 60
Construction Bridges over Harlem river.....	27 84
	————— \$2,949 39

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-nine hundred and forty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,) *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, { *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 11, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner OLLIFFE called up the bills as found on pages 277-8 of the minutes, as follows :

Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co.....	\$125 00
“ “ “	114 00
E. B. Van Winkle, petty disbursements.....	69 23
“ “ “	8 75

—and moved that the same be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Kadinn, Charles—Name substituted.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the name of Charles Kadinn be substituted for that of Eugene Slavin, driver of double team employed on the works in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McMullen, Henry, Gatekeeper—Transfer.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN :

Resolved, That the Captain of Police be directed to transfer Gatekeeper Henry McMullen from the Central Park for duty at the Battery Park.

Conklin, John, Laborer—Restored to duty.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Conklin, laborer, be restored to duty in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bridge above High Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to report to this Board what progress has been made in the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river above High Bridge, with such recommendations as he may deem proper in relation to the same.

O'Grady, C —Removal of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Cornelius O'Grady be and he is hereby discharged from the employ of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Walks—Repairs to.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized and requested to prosecute the work of repairing the pavements in the Central Park and in the city parks as rapidly as possible.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 26th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Fourth Avenue Parks—Proposals for Iron Work.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of the Composite Iron Works for iron work for two Parks on Fourth avenue, amounting to \$1,448, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved a contract be entered into with said Company for doing said work, and that Commissioner Wales be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of Wills & Dyer for mason and granite work for two parks on Fourth avenue, amounting to \$4,482.00, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved a contract be entered into with said Wills & Dyer for doing said work, and that Commissioner Wales be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 12.40 P. M. the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner MacLean in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The CHAIRMAN presented two opinions from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the powers and duties of the Department in awarding contracts, and in relation to the duty of the contractor for regulating, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, to build such culverts as he may be directed so to do; which were ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Corporation Counsel—Opinion awarding contracts.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, October 25, 1881.

E. P. BARKER, Esq.,

Secretary of the Park Department :

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 20th inst., with its enclosures, in relation to certain proposals for constructing sewers and macadamizing Broadway, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. You state that several of these proposals were found to be informal, and the proposals of J. W. O'Grady were so unbalanced as to attract attention. You inclose a copy of the advertisement as well as detailed computations of the bids, a copy of the communication of the Engineer of the Department calling attention to these unbalanced bids, and referring to the clause in the advertisement reserving the right to reject any or all proposals, request my opinion as to the power, powers, and duties of the Department in the matter.

I fully appreciate all that is said by the Engineer of the Department in relation to the evils resulting from unbalanced bids, but I know of no remedy for such evils except by an entire change in the system of letting work of this character. Whenever contractors are permitted to bid for each item of work, there will always be unbalanced bids; and though such bids may cause great loss to the State or to the city, they are not illegal. Nor has the Department the right to reject them for this reason alone. Nor can I advise that the clause in the advertisement reserving the right to reject all bids, authorizes the Department to reject such unbalanced bids. The prevailing opinion has been that even since the passage of the Charter of 1873 the lowest bidder has an absolute right to the contract, of which he cannot be deprived by the action of the Department.

The so-called informality referred to by the engineer, in regard to the bid for the sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, will not justify its rejection. The bid is put in with reference to the advertisement, and as the Department expressly states that the estimated quantities are approximate only, the contractor would be bound to construct all the spurs required, even if the number should exceed 124, at the price named in his proposal.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Corporation Counsel—Opinion regulating 158th street.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, September 16, 1881 }

E. P. BARBER, Esq.,

Secretary Department Public Parks:

SIR—I have received the letter of E. B. Van Winkle, Acting Engineer, etc., addressed to the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and referred to me for opinion upon the questions therein contained.

The question asked is whether under section 7 of the contract for regulating One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street the contractor is compelled to build stone culverts for which no price is fixed in the contract.

Section 7 of the contract requires "that covered stone culverts of dry masonry shall be built at such places and of such form and dimensions as the Engineer shall direct."

No separate price is specified to be paid for culverts, but the contract provides that the prices therein named shall cover the furnishing of all the different materials and labor, and the performance of all work mentioned in the specification.

It seems to me that these provisions are sufficient to impose upon the contractor the duty of building the culverts described in the contract wherever directed by the Engineer, without other compensation than the payments provided in the contract.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

The following communications were received :

Commissioner of Public Works—Sprinkling.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the necessity of curtailing the use of water for sprinkling, etc.

Ordered filed.

Clancy, B.—For appointment.

From J. H. Ketcham, B. P. Carpenter, and R. R. Hamilton, recommending Bartholomew Clancy for the position of Park-keeper.

Ordered filed.

West Side Association—Stagnant pool—Carriage drive across Central Park.

From the West Side Association, relative to the stagnant condition of the water in a portion of the lake in Central Park, opposite Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue, and the widening of a path in Central Park north of Ninety-sixth street into a carriage road.

Ordered filed.

Morris avenue—Opening.

From W. L. Tidball and C. H. Otten, requesting that the petition of the property-owners, asking for the actual opening of Morris avenue, be taken up and acted upon without further delay.

Ordered filed.

Otis & Gosline—Sewer-pipe.

From Otis & Gosline, presenting a bill for sewer-pipe furnished the Department in 1880, for which no requisition was given.

Referred to the Secretary to obtain information relative to the same.

Works in progress—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Railroad avenue—Opening.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition of H. L. Morris and others, property-owners, for the opening of Railroad avenue from the Harlem river to

One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and the construction of an outlet sewer therein.

Laid over

Third Avenue Bridge—Painting.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting a design and specification for painting the Third Avenue Bridge, with an estimate of the cost of the same.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Third Avenue Bridge be painted forthwith, under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction, and that the design for its decoration submitted by him be approved and adopted, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to furnish the labor and materials necessary.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Third Avenue Bridge—Rules.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the rules and regulations now in force at the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river be revised, and that the subject of such revision be referred to Commissioner MacLean.

Sewer in Walton avenue.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting a form of agreement with Marshall J. Allen for building a sewer in Walton avenue.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said form of agreement was approved of, and Commissioner WALES was authorized to execute the same on behalf of this Department.

Trees on sidewalk.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, inclosing a petition from Casper Hake, Elisha Stokem and Fred. Widman, property-owners on the northern side of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Third and Elton avenues, asking that the trees now standing on the sidewalk in front of their premises where the grading and flagging is now in progress, be allowed to remain.

Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street—Regulating, etc.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting a plan, specifications, and form of contract for regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan, specifications, and form of contract for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Third to Alexander avenue, as submitted this day by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Art Museum—Police.

From L. P. di Cesnola, desiring that a squad of policemen be detailed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art building during the hours of two and five P. M., on Tuesday, November 1, 1881.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Police Surgeon—Disinfecting Arsenal.

From the Police Surgeon, stating that the members of the police force have been vaccinated and the police station at the Arsenal disinfected, and recommending, as a further precaution against small-pox, that the said premises be cleaned and painted.

Referred to Commissioner Lane, with power.

Superintendent of Parks—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

O'Reilly, J. C.—For allowance of time.

From James Charles O'Reilly, desiring to be allowed pay for the time during which he worked on Manhattan square.

Referred to Commissioner Wales to report.

Ryan, Patrick—Restored to duty.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Ryan, laborer on Central Park, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Scully, Patrick—Restored to duty.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Scully, laborer on Central Park, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Counsel to Corporation—Opinion—Rent.

Commissioner LANE presented a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the fund from which the rent of premises should be paid, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, September 22, 1881.

Hon. SMITH E. LANE,

Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks :

SIR—I have received your letter of the 9th instant, inquiring from what fund the rent of the premises leased for the use of the Department at 36 Union square should be paid.

The estimate for expenses of the City Government for 1881 contains an appropriation for rents of property leased to the Corporation for public offices and other purposes, except armories and drill-rooms, and police station-houses, amounting to \$46,741.66.

Vide, pp. 714 and 715,

This appropriation, however, appears to be distributed to the payment of the rent becoming due under the specific leases therein specified.

No portion of the appropriation can therefore be taken to pay the rent of the premises occupied by your Department.

The appropriation made for the support of the Department of Public Parks is distributed into various items, which are specified in such language that it is plain that the payment therefrom of the rent of the premises named was not contemplated by the Board of Apportionment when the appropriation was made.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that no specific provision has been made for the payment of the rent in question, and that the Board of Apportionment should be requested by your Department to provide therefor by a transfer either from the appropriation made for maintenance and supplies in your Department, or from any other fund which may be at the disposition of the said Board.

Yours respectfully

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Transfer to pay rent.

Commssioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars from the appropriation "Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies of Parks and Places," for the year 1881, to an account for the

payment of rent of premises leased by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the use of the Department of Public Parks, for the year 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Macadamizing Broadway—Award of contract.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of Edward N. Lynch, for macadamizing Broadway, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, amounting to \$9,749.25, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved a contract be entered into with said Edward N. Lynch for doing said work, and that Commissioner Wales be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sewer One Hundred and Forty-first street—Award of contract.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of Fred. C. Saportas, for constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-first street, with branches in Willis and Alexander avenues, amounting to \$3,949.55, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid. That said proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved a contract be entered into with said Fred. C. Saportas for doing said work, and that Commissioner Wales be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Return of surety deposited.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be respectfully requested to return to each of the following-named persons the amount deposited with their proposals for work, as follows :

Constructing sewer in One Hundred and Forty-third, One Hundred and Forty-fourth, and One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets.

Bernard C. Murray.

Constructing sewer in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

Patrick Mulholland.

William Everard.

Bernard C. Murray.

Constructing sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street.

Patrick Mulholland

M. P. H. Casey.

William Everard.

Bernard C. Murray.

Pavement around Mt. Morris Square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to pave with a Telford-Macadam pavement Mount Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets.

The CHAIRMAN ruled said resolution out of order.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks approve of the proposition to pave Mount Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, with a suitable pavement.

Jones, Aneurin—To remove.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Aneurin Jones be and he is hereby removed from the position of Superintendent of Parks, and that Calvert Traux be appointed in his place, at a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the nega-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Report on purchase of cement.

Commissioner WALES, from a Special Committee to whom was referred to examine and report upon the facts in regard to a purchase made in 1879 of S. L. Merchant, of 250 barrels of Portland cement, a portion of which has not been delivered to the Department, presented a report in relation to the same, which was accepted, and ordered filed.

Report on drain in Madison square.

Commissioner WALES, to whom it was referred to examine and report upon a communication from the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to a drain from the fountain in Madison square, reported verbally that the work necessary to be done to put the drain in a proper condition was now in progress.

Unfinished business.

On motion, the unfinished business of the last meeting was taken up and considered, as follows :

Resolved, That Samuel B. Parsons be appointed Consulting Landscape Architect to this Department, at a compensation to be agreed upon.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux be appointed, at a compensation to be agreed upon, to make

an examination of the planting on the Central Park, and to report to this Board what, in their judgment, should be done to improve its character and appearance.

Olmsted, Frederick Law, and Calvert Vaux—To appoint.

Commissioner WALES, by unanimous consent, offered the following as a substitute for said resolution :

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux be and they hereby are appointed Consulting Landscape Architects of the Department of Public Parks, at a compensation to be agreed upon.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Olmsted, Frederick Law—To appoint.

Resolved, That the trees, plants, and shrubbery of the Central Park, and the revision thereof, be placed under the charge of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, and that he be requested to confer with the Board in respect to his compensation.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Vaux, Calvert—To appoint.

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be appointed Superintending Architect to the Department of Public Parks, at a salary of \$1,000, in the place of Julius Munckwitz.

Commissioner WALES offered the following as a substitute :

Vaux, Calvert—To appoint.

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be and he is hereby appointed Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, at a salary at the rate of \$2,000 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

The question recurring on the original resolution, by unanimous consent, and on motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said resolution was amended by inserting therein the sum of \$2,000 in lieu of \$1,000.

Debate was had on said resolution as amended, when, on motion of Commissioner WALES, the further consideration of the subject was laid over.

Railing around Obelisk.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the subject of constructing a railing around the Obelisk in Central Park be referred to Commissioner Wales, with power.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion, at 12.45 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

Sherman, Henry H.—Appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry H. Sherman be and he is hereby

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appointed stenographer in this Department, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 1.10 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner Olliffe was called to the chair.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were read, when Commissioner MACLEAN moved to amend the resolution found on page 312, so as to read as follows :

Third Avenue Bridge—Painting.

Resolved, That the design for the painting of the Third Avenue Bridge, as submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and adopted, and that the work be authorized to proceed under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The minutes as so amended were approved.

The following communications were received :

Health Department—Drainage Riverside Drive.

From the Health Department, transmitting a copy of a sanitary report relative to the condition of a portion of Riverside Park lying between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth streets, the Riverside Drive and the Hudson river

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report upon.

Transfer of funds.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by said Board October 29, 1881 :

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500) be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1881, for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, for Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies," which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes or objects thereof, to an appropriation hereby made to the same Department for 1881, entitled "Rents, Department of Public Parks," for which it is required.

Ordered filed.

American Rapid Telegraph Company—Route.

From the American Rapid Telegraph Company, desiring permission to erect a line of poles along Second avenue, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, along One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to First avenue, and along First avenue to One Hundred and Seventh street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Guion, B. R.—Allowance of time.

From B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for 25th ult., when absent on account of sickness.

Commissioner WALES moved that B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, be allowed pay for the 25th ult.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members* of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioners MacLean—1.

Regulating, etc., 142d st.—Sewer 146th st.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Willis avenue to Brook avenue, and constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue, with branch in St. Ann's avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating and grading, etc., One Hundred and Forty-second street, and constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, etc., as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisement in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Third Avenue Bridge—Detention.

From G. W. Robinson, Engineer at Third Avenue Bridge, relative to a detention of the tug-boat "Purcell," caused by closing the draw of said bridge to make repairs to the boiler ; and from H. L. Hillman, withdrawing a bill presented by him for the detention of the steam-tug "Purcell."

From F. S. Gannon, General Superintendent New York City and Northern Railroad, in relation to the hours for opening the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

Third Avenue Bridge—Management to be investigated.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioners Wales and Olliffe to examine in relation to the management of the Third Avenue Bridge and the manner in which the employees discharge their duties, and report thereon to the Board whether some change should not be made in the management of said bridge.

Downey, Hugh—Death of.

From Captain Beaty, reporting the death of Sergeant Hugh Downey, on 29th ult.

Ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That this Board learns with regret of the death, after many years of active service in this Department, of Sergeant Downey, and that the Commissioners hereby proffer their sympathies to his widow and family.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Sergeant Downey, on 29th ult.

Ordered filed.

Works in progress--Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks—Commissioners to visit park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, desiring the Commissioners to visit the Central Park for the purpose of examining the works now in progress.

Ordered filed.

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Transfer of force.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the following disposition of the force employed on the maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

That one foreman, one double team, and forty laborers be transferred to Sedgwick avenue.

That twenty laborers and one double team be transferred to clean sewers and drains.

That ten laborers and three double teams be transferred to the Southern Boulevard.

That one carpenter be transferred to bridges over Bronx and Harlem rivers, and constructing sheds for steam roller, etc.

That one mason be transferred to Sedgwick avenue and sewers and drains.

And that one foreman and six double teams be suspended.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for transfers and suspensions, be approved and adopted, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to make such suspensions in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, under the advice of the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, as to them shall seem fit and necessary, and report the same to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Twenty-third and Twenty fourth Wards—Discharges.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the following suspensions for neglect of duty :

Michael Dunn, double team.

Thomas McCue, laborer.

Thomas McIntyre, laborer.

John Irwin, laborer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Dunn, double team, and Thomas McCue, Thomas McIntyre, and John Irwin, laborers, suspended for neglect of duty by the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and they are hereby discharged from the employ of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks and the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards have power to summarily suspend any person employed under them, and report such action to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Otis & Gorsline—Bill.

The Secretary, to whom was referred the bills of Otis & Gorsline, for pipe furnished the Department in 1880, without a requisition, with direction to obtain information respecting the delivery of the same, presented a communication from the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that a search of the records of his office had been made without disclosing any evidence that the said pipe had been ordered or received by the Department.

Ordered filed.

Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the return of moneys made to the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows:

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MONEYS MADE TO COMPTROLLER, OCTOBER 28, 1881.

Licenses.

October 13. J. McMahon, refreshments, East River Park.	\$10 87	
15. Jos. J. Snow, pony service.....	8 32	
20. Jno. Wright, swings.....	12 71	
27. Columbus Ryan, refreshments, Central Park.	2,351 47	
		\$2,383 37

Permits.

October 17. Mr. Rockwell, sewer connection.....	\$10 00	
“ 20. Department Public Works, sewer connection.	10 00	
“ 22. Chas. E. Quackenbush, sewer connection....	10 00	
“ 27. Mrs. Anna Shay, sewer connection.....	10 00	
		40 00

Pound.

October 20. Property Clerk's office, receipts from Pound.	\$19 30	
		19 30

Special Fund—Repaving.

October 20. A. McLean, sewer opening.....	\$10 00	
		10 00
		\$2,452 67

Cushing, Geo. M.—Resignation.

From Geo. M. Cushing, resigning his position as Assistant Engineer in the Department.

Accepted.

Superintendent of Parks—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge, and calling attention to the improper means of ventilating the stables, and the lack of accommodation for the rolling stock of the Department.

Rolling stock, protection of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, so much of said communication as relates to the protection necessary for the rolling stock was referred to Commissioner MacLean to report upon.

Stables, ventilation of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, so much of said communication as relates to the proper ventilation and improvement of the stables was referred to Commissioner Olliffe to report upon.

Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction—Works in progress.

From the Topographical Engineer and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Axeman—Detail for duty.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, recommending that an intelligent man be detailed from the force in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to act as axeman from time to time, and until such time as an appointment is made in the place of Geo. M. Cushing, resigned.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to detail an intelligent man to act as axeman under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Constructiou at such times as his services may be required.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Snyder, W. B.—To let skates.

From Ward P. Snyder, applying for the privilege of letting skates for hire at the Central Park lake during the coming season.

Ordered filed.

Statuary, removal of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved. That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to remove the statuary and other property of the Department from the old building at Mt. St. Vincent to the Arsenal building.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Goeller, George C., rent	Rents, Dept. Pub.	
	Parks.....	\$106 00
Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements..	Labor, Maint. and	
	Supplies	\$84 59
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 73-
	Maint. 23d and	
	24th Wards....	12 32
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		106 64

Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 2...Reg. Grad., etc., 158th st., from 3d ave. to Rail- road ave.....		\$1,485 40
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., rent....Rents, Department Public Parks...		2,083 33
Simpson's, William, estate of.....Rents, Department Public Parks...		120 00
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		<u>\$3,901 37</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$84 59
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	9 73
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 32
Rents, Department of Public Parks.....	2,309 33
Regulating, Grading, etc., 158th street, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue.....	1,485 40
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	<u>\$3,901 37</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-nine hundred and one dollars and thirty-seven cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$16 50	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	11 00	
		<hr/>	\$27 50
Bouker, John A., trap-rock.....	B'way, 23d and 24th Wards...		650 00
Crook, Samuel H., music.....	Music.....		100 00
Cohn, A. B. & Co., plow.....	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of.		18 18
Coffin, P. C., screws, hinges, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		96 85
Coffin, Paul C., canal barrows.....	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of.	\$5 25	
	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of.....	5 25	
	B'way, 23d & 24th Wards, Maint. of	5 25	
		<hr/>	15 75
Egan, K. & Co., cop waste.....	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of.	\$6 50	
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	6 00	
		<hr/>	12 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		11 35
Hilton, E. G., hose.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		32 00
Hilton, E. G. couplings.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		48 60
Holbrook Brothers, glass.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		178 70
Hurst & Treanor, granite posts, etc...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		490 00
Jones, N. F., Estimate No. 1.....	Bronx River Bridges.....		2,574 35
Knapp, A. & W., timber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		47 94
Keogh, C. B. & Co., B. W. screen....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		18 00
Manning, John W., mould and filling..	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....		1,175 00
McLaughlin, Thos., mould and filling..	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....		1,340 45

McKesson and Robbins, neats-foot oil..Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$1 25
McClave, E. W. & Co., timber.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	249 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron wheels..Har. R. B., Reps., Impt. & Maint. of.....	75 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grates, pipes, etc.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	31 74
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement, etc.....Laying Walks, Central Park...	286 26
Otis & Gorsline, trap and branch.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	3 95
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, glue, etc.Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	121 06
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	16 75
Wherle, F. T. & Co., charcoal.....Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc...	20 00
Wright, R. J., oats, corn, etc.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$659 16
Maint. Zool. Dept.	138 18
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White, Chas. W., spruce plank.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	26 50
Wootton, E. H., pavement.....Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.....	900 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,975 91
Maintenance—Zoological Department.....	149 18
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	2,515 45
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	286 26
Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.....	900 00
Music.....	100 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	79 94
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards.....	655 25

Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	\$29 93
Bronx River Bridges.....	2,574 35
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	5 25
Sewers and Drains—Cleaning, etc.....	20 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	75 00
	\$9,366 52

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-three hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty-two cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Quarterly Report.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman be authorized to sign and transmit to the Mayor the report of the Department for the past quarter.

Briggs, Homer—Bill for horses.

Commissioner OLLIFFE presented a bill from Homer Briggs, amounting to \$650, for two horses purchased by the Department, and moved that the same be approved and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Railroad tracks—23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary notify the corporations or other proprietors of horse railways in the annexed district that they will be required by this Department forthwith to pave the surfaces between their tracks, and to grade the space on the outside of their tracks so as to make the railway no inconvenience to travel.

Inspectors to be appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select for appointment suitable persons to act as Inspectors on the works of constructing two parks on Fourth avenue, macadamizing Broadway, and constructing sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, and that the persons so selected be appointed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Employment tickets.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the so-called ticket system of appointments in the Department be abolished after the tickets that have now been issued are filled, and that appointments of laborers hereafter be made, for those south of the Harlem river, at the office of the Department, 36 Union square, on Wednesday mornings, and for those employed north of the Harlem river, on Saturday mornings, at the office of the Department in the annexed district.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Mulholland, John B.—Acting Sergeant.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John B. Mulholland be and he is hereby appointed Acting Sergeant on the force of the Department.

Laid over.

Commissioners of Accounts to examine.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Accounts be and they are hereby respectfully requested thoroughly to examine the pecuniary transactions, especially the accounts and vouchers of this Department, since January 1, 1870, and further, to make such recommendations as they shall deem advisable concerning the same, in particular relating to the licenses granted by this Department, and payments therefrom.

Van Valkenburgh, W.—Appointed Property Clerk.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That William Van Valkenburgh, Clerk in the Department, is hereby appointed Property Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Gas used by licensees.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Property Clerk be directed to ascertain what amount of gas, if any, has been used in buildings occu-

pied by any licensee of this Department, and report the result to this Board.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at twelve o'clock, M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1881.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
November 7, 1881. }

SIR—Please call a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks, to be held at 9.30 A. M., Friday, November 11, 1881, for considering and acting upon the unfinished business pending before said Board.

CHAS. F. MACLEAN, } *Commissioners*
S. H. WALES, } *D. P. P.*

To the Secretary of the Board of Public Parks.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner Olliffe was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Temporary bridge over Bronx river.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board consent to the erection of a temporary bridge across the Bronx river, at the termination of Boston avenue, the expense of the same not to exceed the sum of \$800, whereof one-half shall be borne by this Department and the remaining half shall be borne by the county of Westchester, and that the Chairman appoint a Commissioner with power to enter into and sign an agreement or agreements on behalf of this Department for carrying into effect this resolution.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioner MacLean as such Commissioner.

The following communications were received :

Mayor—Political assessments.

From the Mayor, in relation to the levying of political assessments upon employees in the City Departments.

Ordered filed.

Comptroller—Balance on Broadway improvement.

From the Comptroller, desiring to be informed of the balance remaining unexpended of the appropriation made for the improvement of Broadway, out of which the contract for macadamizing can be paid.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the appropriation for 1881, for salaries, to the appropriation for maintenance and improvement of Broadway, from Spuyten Duyvil to the north end of the city.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Comptroller—Substitution sureties on Lynch's contract.

From the Comptroller, relative to the proposition of E. N. Lynch, the lowest bidder for macadamizing, etc., Broadway, to substitute John C. Wandell and Allan A. Irvine as sureties in lieu of X. Stoutenborough and Lucien Knapp, the original sureties.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That this Department hereby consents to the substitution of John C. Wandell and Allan A. Irvine as sureties on the proposal of E. N. Lynch, for macadamizing, etc., Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, in lieu of X. Stoutenborough and Lucien Knapp, the original sureties.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Comptroller—Opening certain streets, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Comptroller, stating that the Court of Appeals has sustained the proceedings in the matter of opening One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and other streets in the Twenty-third Ward, instituted by this Department, and recommending that the same be acted upon without delay.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Whereas, A certain proceeding was instituted by the Department of Public Parks, by virtue of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and other statutes, to wit :

“In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the open-

“ing of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Harlem river to Long Island Sound; and to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Harlem river to the Southern Boulevard; and to the opening of Westchester avenue, from Third avenue to the city line at the Bronx river; and to the opening of Cliff street, from Third avenue to Union avenue; and to the opening of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Jerome avenue (late Central avenue) to Third avenue; and to the opening of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Boston avenue to Union avenue; and to the opening of Tinton avenue, from Westchester avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street; and to the opening of Prospect avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street to the Southern Boulevard; and to the opening of Willis avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Third avenue; and to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from Third avenue to St. Ann’s avenue; and to the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Third avenue to Elton avenue; and to the opening and widening of Morris avenue, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue, at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, in Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York;” and

Whereas, The report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court in said proceedings, was confirmed by said Court on November 16, 1880; and

Whereas, Section 7 of said act provides for the creation and issue of stock of the City of New York for the payment of the damages awarded by said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and of the expenses, charges, and disbursements in the premises; therefore,

Resolved, That pursuant to section 7 of chapter 604, Laws of 1874, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby direct that the public fund or stock which the Comptroller of the City of New York, by said provision of law, is authorized and directed to create and cause to be issued, in the name and on behalf of the City of New York, shall be issued at such time or times, in such manner and form, of such description and in such amounts, not exceeding the total sum of seven hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-four and $\frac{45}{100}$ (\$715,224.45) dollars, as the said Comptroller may determine, for the payment of the awards for damages, expenses, charges, and disbursements made and incurred by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court in a certain proceeding

instituted by the Department of Public Parks, by virtue of said act, to wit :

“In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Harlem river to Long Island Sound ; and to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Harlem river to the Southern Boulevard ; and to the opening of Westchester avenue, from Third avenue to the city line at the Bronx river ; and to the opening of Cliff street, from Third avenue to Union avenue ; and to the opening of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Jerome avenue (late Central avenue) to Third avenue ; and to the opening of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Boston avenue to Union avenue ; and to the opening of Tinton avenue, from Westchester avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street ; and to the opening of Prospect avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street to the Southern Boulevard ; and to the opening of Willis avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Third avenue ; and to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from Third avenue to St. Ann’s avenue ; and to the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Third avenue to Elton avenue ; and to the opening and widening of Morris avenue, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue, at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, in Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.”

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

F. H. Hamilton—J. D. Shaughnessy.

From Frank H. Hamilton, in relation to the commendable conduct of Parkkeeper J. D. Shaughnessy in stopping a runaway team in Central Park on 3d instant.

Referred to Captain of Police to report upon.

Tompkins Square Union—Phillip Firnges.

From the Tompkins Square Union, recommending the appointment of Phillip Firnges as Parkkeeper on Tompkins square.

From the Taxpayers' Association of Tenth, Eleventh, and Seventeenth Wards, recommending Phillip Firnges for the position of Parkkeeper.

Referred to the Secretary to reply.

Superintendent N. Y. C. and N. R. R.—Detention.

From F. S. Gannon, General Superintendent New York City and Northern Railroad, in relation to the detention of freight boats, etc., at Central Bridge over Harlem river.

Commissioner WALES moved that the matter of the detention of boats at the Central Bridge be referred to a Special Committee, to consist of Commissioners Lane and MacLean.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved, as an amendment, that the Committee heretofore appointed, consisting of Commissioners Wales and Olliffe, to examine into and report upon the management of the Third Avenue Bridge, be requested to include in their examination and report the subject of the management of the McComb's Dam Bridge.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

O. O. Friedlaender—Wind-mills.

From O. O. Friedlaender, recommending the use of wind-mills for obtaining water in portions of the Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Wales to report upon.

141st street, condition of.

From Joseph Spears, complaining of the condition of the sidewalk at the corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street and Third avenue.

Ordered filed.

Map—High Bridge Park.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting a topographical map of the High Bridge Park, showing adjoining streets, etc., and recommending that certain plots shown on said map, adopted as extensions of said park in 1876, be filed as such, so that title may be acquired to the same.

Laid over.

C. O'Grady—Discharge.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, stating that C. O'Grady, recently discharged from the employ of the Department, still continues to return his time.

Ordered filed.

Works in progress—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspension—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Commissioner LANE moved that the action of the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth

Wards, in suspending men and teams during stormy weather, be approved.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Suspension—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that he had suspended the following teams, subject to the approval of the Board :

Thomas Duggan, Broadway.

Jeremiah Healy, Broadway.

George Carroll, Broadway.

Joseph Gaffney, Southern Boulevard.

Jackson Weeks, Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Charles Bradley, Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

James Johnson, Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

James McLean, Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Patrick Lunny, Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Suspension—Foreman Forsyth.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that in accordance with the action of

the Board, taken November 2, 1881, he had suspended Foreman John Forsyth from duty.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the action of the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Delivering stone—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the slow manner in which broken stone is delivered on the Southern Boulevard, necessitating the suspension of teams.

Ordered filed.

Suspensions—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of Thomas Hurley and Patrick Barrett, laborers, for neglect of duty.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that Thomas Hurley and Patrick Barrett, laborers, be discharged.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Robert Russell restored.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of Robert Russell, laborer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that Robert Russell, laborer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Delivery of stone. complaint of.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the slow delivery of broken stone on Sedgwick avenue, on a requisition given Jno. A. Bouker.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Bouker relative thereto.

Work—Broadway improvement.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the work of improving Broadway.

Ordered filed.

Crosby—Leave of absence.

From Horace Crosby, Surveyor, desiring a leave of absence for several weeks, without pay.

Commissioner LANE moved that said leave of absence be granted, without pay, until further orders of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

American Rapid Telegraph Co.—Route.

From the Topographical Engineer, to whom was referred the application of the American Rapid Telegraph Co. for permission to erect a line of poles along Second avenue, from Harlem river to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, along One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to First avenue, and along First avenue to One Hundred and Seventh street, stating

that this Department has no authority to grant such permission.

Ordered filed.

Property Clerk—Report on gas.

From the Property Clerk, reporting, in accordance with a resolution of the Board, in relation to the amount of gas used by the licensees of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Mr. C. Ryan, licensee, was directed to provide, at once, meters to supply the buildings now leased by him with gas.

146th street, sewer completed.

From William Bathgate, Inspector, relative to the completion of the sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Brook to Third avenue, and Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

Commissioner WALES moved that William Bathgate, Inspector on sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, etc., be suspended from duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Grove street, complaint of.

Commissioner WALES presented a statement of Mr. E. V. Welch, in relation to the defective sewerage of Grove street, between Fordham and Madison avenues ; which was referred to the Topographical Engineer.

A communication was received from the N. Y. Skating Club, in relation to the management of skating on the lakes in Central Park during the coming season.

Referred to Commissioner Lane.

John Smith restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Smith, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

John Connery discharged.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Connery, laborer, be and he is hereby discharged from the service of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Property Clerk—Duties.

Resolved, That the duties heretofore performed by the Disbursing Clerk shall be performed by the Property Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Property Clerk—Bond.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the bond of William Van Valkenburg, the

Property Clerk, be fixed at the sum of ten thousand dollars, with two sureties to be approved by the Comptroller.

Laid over.

James O'Rielly, pay of.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the application of James O'Rielly, for pay due him for services rendered, reported verbally and recommended that said O'Rielly be allowed \$14.52 on the pay-roll for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' time.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom was referred the subject of the investigation of charges preferred against members of the Police force of the Department, reported that he had examined the charges made against the following persons, and recommended—

Mackey, Jas., fined.

First—That Jas. Mackey, Parkkeeper, be fined one-half day's pay for absence from roll-call.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McMullen, Henry, fined.

Second—That Gatekeeper Henry McMullen be fined one day's pay for absence from roll-call.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the

affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McGrath, Francis, fined.

Third—That Gatekeeper Francis McGrath be fined one day's pay for neglect of duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sterling, James, fined.

Fourth—That Gatekeeper James Stirling be fined one day's pay for absence from roll-call.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Burns, Patrick, fined.

Fifth—That Parkkeeper Patrick Burns be fined one day's pay for neglect of duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McGuire, Francis J., fined.

Sixth—That Gatekeeper Francis J. McGuire be fined one day's pay for absence from roll-call.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Griffin, Wm., fined.

Seventh—That Gatekeeper William Griffin be fined one day's pay for absence from roll-call.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Hoagland, Chas. B., fined.

Eighth—That Parkkeeper Chas. B. Hoagland be fined two days' pay for being off his post.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that said fine be fixed at one day's pay.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

McMullen, Henry, fined.

Ninth—That Gatekeeper Henry McMullen be fined two and one-half days' pay for absence without leave.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Murray, Edward, fined.

Tenth—That Parkkeeper Edward Murray be fined three days' pay for violation of rules and neglect of duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Munson, Samuel T., fined.

Eleventh—That Samuel T. Munson, Gatekeeper, be fined five days' pay for neglect of duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Larkins, James P., dismissed.

Twelfth—That the charge of being off his post, against Parkkeeper James P. Larkins, be dismissed.

Adopted.

Sheridan, Thomas, discharged.

Thirteenth—That Gatekeeper Thomas Sheridan, charged with being off his post and neglect of duty, be discharged from the force of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Willis and Alexander avenues, 138th street—Grades.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance and by virtue of the authority

vested in the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, under chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter and establish the grades of Willis and Alexander avenues, and of the intersecting streets for one block to the east and west of said avenues, from and including the Southern Boulevard, to and including One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, as the same are shown on a map or plan dated "New York, October 4th, 1881," and signed "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," and that William M. Olliffe, Esq., one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be and is hereby authorized and directed to file copies of the same in pursuance of the provisions of said laws, above mentioned.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McQuade, Thomas, transferred.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that Thomas McQuade, laborer on Manhattan square, be transferred for duty on Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

City and County and Wards—Boundaries.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Topographical Engineer on the proposed boundaries of the City and County and of Wards be transmitted to the Commission on the "Revision of the Special and Local Laws Affecting Public Interests in the City of New York," Messrs. Bliss, Olney and Whitney, and that it be referred to Commissioner Lane to confer with said Commission in relation to the matter.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

House, 104th street and 8th avenue—Repairs.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the house on the hill, in Central Park, at One Hundred and Fourth street and Eighth avenue, and the appurtenance thereto, be put in complete repair, and that Commissioner Olliffe be appointed to supervise the work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 12.50 o'clock the Board adjourned.

D. PORTER LORD,
Acting Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner Lane was called to the chair.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock, the Comptroller of the city being present and the meeting being open to the public, the CHAIRMAN, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements, duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, namely :

TABLE OF BIDS
For Building an Iron Swing Bridge over the Bronx River, between the City of New York and the County of Westchester.

No.	NAME OF BIDDER.			
1	Charles C. Field..	108,760 Pounds.	For all Iron Work, per Pound.	1
2	John Beattie.....	1,300 feet (B.M.)	For all Timber in Roadway and Wall-plates (including Nails and Bolts), per M. Feet (B. M.)	2
		228 Linear Feet.	For Gas Pipe Railing, per Linear Foot.	3
		150 Cubic Yards.	For Excavating Foundation within Cofferdam, including Bailing, Draining, or Pumping, per Cubic Yard.	4
			For Spruce Piles (if used), Driven and Cut Off, each.	5
		12,000 Feet (B.M.)	For Timber used in Cofferdam or Foundations, including Nails, Bolts, or Spikes, per M. Ft. (B.M.)	6
		80 Cubic Yards.	For Concrete in Foundations, per Cubic Yard.	7
		140 Cubic Yards.	For all Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	8
		172 Square Feet.	For Blue Stone Flagging, per Square Foot.	9
		77 Cubic Feet.	For Granite Bridge-seat and Pivot Stones, per Cubic Foot.	10
		135 Cubic Feet.	For Ring Stone Coping Pivot Pier, per Cubic Foot.	11
			TOTAL OF Bids.	
1	Charles C. Field..	\$0 10		
2	John Beattie.....	0 09		
		\$70 00		
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		\$4 90		
		0 35		
		\$0 80		
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		1 00		
		\$13,867 80		
		13,749 70		

TABLE OF BIDS

For Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between College and Third avenues.

No.	NAME OF BIDDER.	Estimated Quantities.							TOTAL OF BID.	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8
		Brick Sewer, Egg Shape, Interior 2.5 x 3.75 feet, per Linear Foot.	6-inch Bevelled Sewer Pipe in Place, per Linear Foot.	Manholes Complete, per Manhole.	Rubble Stone Cement Masonry, per Cubic Yard.	Concrete, per Cubic Yd.	Lumber Furnished and Laid, per M. Ft. (B.M.)	Rock to be Excavated and Removed, per Cubic Yard.	Time for Completion tested at the rate of \$4.00 per Day.	
		242 Linear Feet.	72 Linear Feet.	2 Manholes.	91 Cubic Yards.	5 Cubic Yards.	9,200 Ft. (B.M.)	5 Cubic Yards.	Days.	
1	Bernard C. Murray....	\$5 75	\$0 35	\$40 00	\$4 20	\$5 00	\$31 00	\$1 00	20	\$2,274 10
2	Thomas Curry.....	5 50	72 Feet. 14 40	45 00	5 00	6 00	35 00	0 04	25	3,365 00
3	James W. O'Grady....	6 00	0 20	45 00	6 25	6 00	20 00	0 01	30	2,459 20
4	James Everard.....	5 75	0 60	58 00	7 00	5 00	45 00	10 00	75	2,976 70
5	Daniel K. Gallagher...	5 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	30 00	5 00	30	2,275 00

TABLE OF BIDS
 For Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, and Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide, in One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from the westerly curb line of Third avenue to the easterly curb line of Fourth avenue.

No.	NAME OF BIDDER.	Estimated Quantities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total of Bid.												
1	Bernard C. Murray.....	Earth Excavation, per Cubic Yard.	10,000 Cubic Yards.	Earth Excavation, per Cubic Yard.	Filling, per Cubic Yard.	6,500 Cubic Yards.	Rock Excavation, per Cubic Yard.	600 Cubic Yards.	Dry Rubble Masonry, exclusive of Retaining Wall, per Cubic Yard.	Vitrified Stoneware Sewer Pipe of any size, finished and laid, per Pound.	2,000 Linear Feet.	New Curb Stone, furnished and set, per Linear Foot.	2,500 Linear Feet.	Old Curb Stone set, per Linear Foot.	2,000 Linear Feet.	New Gutter Stone, furnished and laid, per Linear Foot.	2,500 Linear Feet.	Old Gutter Stone laid, per Linear Foot.	2,500 Linear Feet.	New Flagging, furnished and laid, per Square Foot.	8,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	Old Flagging laid, per Square Foot.	9,000 Square Feet.	Time for Completion, per Day.	90	\$9,020 00
2	Daniel K. Gallagher.....		10,000 Cubic Yards.	6,500 Cubic Yards.	600 Cubic Yards.	5 Cubic Yards.	1,000 Pounds.	2,000 Linear Feet.	2,500 Linear Feet.	2,000 Linear Feet.	2,500 Linear Feet.	8,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	200	14,052 50											
3	James W. O'Grady.....		10,000 Cubic Yards.	6,500 Cubic Yards.	600 Cubic Yards.	5 Cubic Yards.	1,000 Pounds.	2,000 Linear Feet.	2,500 Linear Feet.	2,000 Linear Feet.	2,500 Linear Feet.	8,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	180	13,245 05											
4	James Everard.....		10,000 Cubic Yards.	6,500 Cubic Yards.	600 Cubic Yards.	5 Cubic Yards.	1,000 Pounds.	2,000 Linear Feet.	2,500 Linear Feet.	2,000 Linear Feet.	2,500 Linear Feet.	8,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	9,000 Square Feet.	300	16,805 00											

TABLE OF BIDS

For Building a Bridge and Bay Wall in the Central Park, Opposite Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue.

No.	BIDDERS.	Estimated Quantities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL OF EACH BID.
			Earth Excavation, per Cubic Yard.	Foundation Wall and Backing, per Cubic Yard.	Piling, per Linear Foot.	Timber, 10 x 10, per Linear Foot.	Board Measure of Plank, per 1,000 Feet.	Stone Work above Foundation for Bridge, per Cubic Yard.	Stone Work above Foundation for Bay Wall, per Cubic Y'd.	Brick Arching, including Centers, per Cubic Yard.	Asphalt and Linings, per Square Foot.	
			1,100 Cubic Yards.	960 Cubic Yards.	1,200 Linear Feet.	168 Linear Feet.	5,000 Feet.	518 Cubic Yards.	300 Cubic Yards.	9,100 Cubic Feet.	4,536 Square Feet.	
1	John Beattie.....		\$1 00	\$8 00	\$0 25	\$0 35	\$45 00	\$15 00	\$15 00	*\$22 00	\$0 40	\$30,863 01
2	Jas. W. O'Grady.....		1 00	8 00	0 60	0 32	40 00	27 00	12 00	†1 00	0 30	37,800 56
3	James Everard.....		0 60	8 50	1 20	1 25	40 00	26 00	26 00	*25 00	0 45	42,405 12
4	Giblin & Lyons.....		1 00	5 50	0 37½	1 00	40 00	14 00	14 00	*17 00	0 30	25,740 43
5	John Hogan.....		0 75	10 00	0 25	0 25	75 00	12 00	12 00	*100 00	0 50	56,929 70

* Per cubic yard.

† Per cubic foot.

All reduced to cubic feet.

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TABLE OF BIDS

For the Construction of two Roadways in Central Park, nearly opposite Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets and Eighth avenue.

No.	BIDDERS.	Estimated Quantities.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL OF EACH BID.
		2,500 Cubic Yards.	3,500 Cubic Yards.	Earth Excavation, per Cubic Yard.	Rock Excavation, per Cubic Yard.	Earth Filling, per Cubic Yard.	Roadway Pavement, per Linear Foot.	Curb and Gutter, per Linear Foot.	Drain Pipe, per Linear Foot.	Building Silt Basins, Each.	
1	M. A. Kellogg.....	\$1 00	\$3 00	\$0 50	\$8 00	\$1 75	\$0 75	\$30 00	\$27,242 50		
2	James Everard.....	0 35	3 00	0 65	6 25	0 75	0 75	50 00	22,295 00		
3	James Slattery.....	0 50	1 90	0 20	23 00	0 55	0 50	5 00	34,120 00		

The Comptroller of the city then retired.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Counsel to Corporation—138th and other streets.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting a copy of the decision of the Court of Appeals in the matter of opening One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and other streets, in the Twenty-third Ward, and stating that the report of the Commissioners in the matter of opening Sedgwick avenue, from Fordham Landing Road to Boston avenue, was confirmed by the Supreme Court on November 2, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Property Clerk—Report on Police Uniforms.

From the Property Clerk, relative to useless police uniforms, etc., and recommending that some disposition be made of the same.

Ordered filed.

Captain Beaty—Report relative to conduct of Parkkeeper O'Shaughnessy.

From Captain Beaty, reporting relative to the stopping of a runaway team by Officer John O'Shaughnessy in Central Park on 3d instant.

Ordered filed.

Telegraph wires attached to trees to be removed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting relative to telegraph wires attached to trees in city parks.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be and he is hereby directed to cause to be removed forthwith all telegraph wires or guys to telegraph poles attached to any tree in any of the parks.

Transfer of Foremen.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That Foreman Patrick Flanagan be transferred for duty on the lower division of the Central Park, and that Foreman Charles A. Johnson be transferred for duty on the city parks.

Suspensions 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Work in progress 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspensions 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension on account of inefficiency of the following laborers employed in cleaning sewers and drains : Ed. Jordan, Larry Dorsey, Joseph Cavanagh.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Suspensions 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of the following teams and laborers employed on the Southern Boulevard in consequence of the lack of materials :

John Finn, double team.
Frank Canfield, double team.
Michael Lennon, double team.
John Coleman, double team.
John Forsyth, double team.
Richard Lee, laborer.
Edward Moran, laborer.
Hugh Morrissey, laborer.
S. J. Masters, laborer.
Michael Broderick, laborer.
Joseph Greer, laborer.
John O'Neil, laborer.
James Finnegan, laborer.
Oliver Crawford, laborer.
Michael Hogan, laborer.
John Pendergast, laborer.
Daniel Driscoll, laborer.
William Miller, laborer.
John Hall, laborer.
John Griffen, laborer.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Healy, George, carpenter, restored to duty.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending that George Healy, carpenter, be restored to duty and allowed pay for the time lost by him during sickness.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That George Healy be and he is hereby restored to duty as carpenter in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Kelly, Robert—Recommendations for appointment.

From L. P. di Cesnola, John Taylor Johnson, and W. C. Prime, recommending Parkkeeper Robert Kelly for the position of Sergeant.

Ordered filed.

Acting Engineer Construction and Topographical Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Lowens, Isaac, appointed Engineer.

From Isaac Lowens, Acting Engineer on steam roller on the Southern Boulevard, desiring to be appointed a steam engineer.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Isaac Lowens be and he is hereby appointed a steam engineer for duty on steam roller, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bouker, Jno. A.—Delivery of stone.

From Jno. A. Bouker, relative to the cause of the delay in delivering broken stone on Sedgwick avenue.

Ordered filed.

Snyder, W. B.—For permission to rent skates.

From Ward B. Snyder, applying for the privilege of letting skates for hire on the Central Park during the coming season, and offering to pay ten per centum of the gross receipts for said privilege.

Ordered filed.

Skate Building—Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the necessity of erecting the skate building for the accommodation of the public when the skating season opens.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the skate building be erected at the lake on the Central Park for use during the coming winter with such alterations and additions as may be necessary, and that the whole subject be referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Audit.

Commissioner OLLIFFE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bouker, John A., trap-rock.....	Manhattan square, Impt. of.....	\$450 00
Bouton & Smith, tire bolts	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	10 50
Coffin, P. C., hammers, barrows, etc....	Manhattan square, Impt. of.....	55 80
Coffin, P. C., hinges, butts, and rakes	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	46 50
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., annealed wire.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	4 19
Frazer, Joseph, animals.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	10 00
Ghetti, Antonio, monuments.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	300 30

Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$23 17
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		41 22
McQuade, John, estimate No. 1.....	Construction of Bridges over Harlem River..		5,258 75
McKesson & Robbins, sponges.....	Main. Zool. Dept. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$1 25 23 75	25 00
McClave, E. W. & Co., lumber, etc...	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.... Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... ManhattanSquare, Impt. of.....	\$8 75 318 77 36 00	363 52
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		83 25
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mus. N. H.	Maint. Museums..		1,343 30
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		8 19
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		37 58
Otis & Gosline, vitrified pipe.....	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning of, etc.		23 98
O'Brien, milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		8 68
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., putty and paints, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... Maint. Museums..	\$234 33 3 75	238 08
Shady, James H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		9 30
Smith, J. Finley, whitewash brushes..	Laying W'ks, City Parks, etc.....		2 72
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.... Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A...	\$32 85	19 44

VanWinkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Surveys, Maps & Plans, 23d & 24th Wards.	\$8 66	
Bronx River Bdgs.	2 46	
Harl. River Bdgs. Repairs, Impt. & Maint.		2 89
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		\$66 30
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Const. Bdgs. over Harlem river...		2 25
Wright, R. J., hay.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	309 11
Young, Charles C., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	50 92
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		<u>\$8,772 61</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies	\$831 45
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	389 26
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	541 80
Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.....	2 72
Maintenance Museums.....	1,347 05
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	8 75
Bronx River Bridges.....	2 46
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.....	2 89
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	333 15
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	19 44
Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	8 66
Sewers and Drains—Cleaning, etc.....	23 98
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	5,261 00
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	<u>\$8,772 61</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty-one cents.

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 15, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Sedgwick ave., Maint. of.....	\$30 00
Brewster & Co., road wagon.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	465 00
Manning, John W., stone, mould and filling.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	1,320 00
		<u>\$1,815 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	\$30 00
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	465 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of	1,320 00
	<u>\$1,815 00</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen hundred and fifteen dollars.

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 15, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Obelisk—Fence around.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of constructing a fence around the obelisk in the Central Park, reported verbally upon the several designs prepared, recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That “design B,” as prepared by Jacob Wrey Mould, for a fence around the obelisk on the Central Park, be approved and that the work be proceeded with.

Laid over.

Moore, John J., appointed Foreman.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John J. Moore be and he is hereby appointed Foreman on Riverside avenue, in place of Wanhoop Lynn, resigned.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Fences around Fourth avenue parks to be painted.

Commissioner WALES, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of painting the fences around the parks on Fourth avenue, verbally reported that said fences need painting and recommended that the work be done.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Inasmuch as the fences found to need speedy protection by painting would still further suffer during the long delay incident to securing formal proposals for doing the same by con-

tract, and as the work could not be performed under contract until the season is too far advanced for the satisfactory performance of the same ; therefore be it

Resolved, That twenty painters be appointed for the immediate painting of the fences around the several parks in Fourth avenue or Park avenue, that the expense for labor and materials employed upon the parks south of Sixty-seventh street be paid from the fund appropriated for "Maintenance," and that the expense for the parks north of Sixty-seventh street be paid from the fund provided by chapter 558 of the Laws of 1880 ; and that Commissioners Olliffe and Wales be constituted a Committee to select the painters for such appointment and employment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Mill brook and sewer in Railroad avenue.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the report of the Acting Engineer of Construction upon the complaint of the Health Department, relative to the condition of Mill brook, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets, and the feasibility of constructing a sewer in Railroad avenue, between said streets, verbally reported, recommending said proposed improvement, and offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, a sewer and appurtenances be built in Railroad (Vanderbilt) avenue, between Brook avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, with branches in One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, between Railroad (Vanderbilt) avenue and Washington avenue ; and that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans, specifications, and form of contract for doing the work, and submit the same to this Board for approval.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Commissioner Olliffe not voting.

Railroad avenue opening.

Commissioner WALES called up a report of the Acting Engineer of Construction, upon the petition of H. L. MORRIS and others for the opening of Railroad avenue, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and the construction of an outlet sewer therein, laid over at the meeting of October 26, 1881, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title to Railroad avenue, east, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, wherever the title to the same has not been heretofore acquired ; and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said resolution was laid over and the Secretary directed to notify parties interested to appear at the next meeting of the Board.

Chains around plots in City parks.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report upon the practicability of removing the chains inclosing the grass plots on the city parks.

Health Department—Drainage Maps.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Whereas, By section 1, chapter 360 of the Laws of 1880,

the Department of Health is charged with the duty of furnishing this Department with a copy of a map, "whereon shall be shown the location of such proposed drains and the lands required for the construction thereof;" and

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation having informed this Department that the maps and descriptions furnished this Department by the Board of Health and embodied in the rule maps and descriptions transmitted to him by resolution of this Board, adopted March 2, 1881, fail to contain a technical description of the land proposed to be burdened with this incumbrance sufficient to enable him to proceed in the matter; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to return to the Board of Health the maps and descriptions heretofore furnished, with a respectful request that the exact location in meters and bounds of the proposed drains be added thereto and furnished this Department, to enable it to prepare the technical description desired by the Counsel to the Corporation, and so soon as said maps and detailed information are furnished this Department, that the Secretary be directed to transmit the necessary rule maps and technical descriptions to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he give the matter his early attention.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sewers—Award of contract.

Commissioner WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That the contracts for constructing sewers and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth, One Hundred and Forty-fourth, and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, between Third and Brook avenues, and in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, amounting to \$14,823.94; constructing sewer and appurtenances in One

Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Third and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, and in Courtland avenue, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first street, amounting to \$6,424.00; and for constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Third avenue to the Summit, between Alexander and Willis avenues, with branches in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, amounting to \$2,286.25; be awarded to James W. O'Grady, he being the lowest bidder for said several works; that the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that contracts be entered into with said James W. O'Grady for doing said several works, and that Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Ternan, R. G.; Cafferata, Geo.—Appointed laborers.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That Richard G. Ternan and Geo. Cafferata be and they are hereby appointed laborers on parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Laborers restored to duty.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That Patrick Crimmins, laborer on Manhattan square; Thomas Blake, laborer Twenty-third and Twenty-

fourth Wards ; Patrick McCready, laborer on Central Park ; and Thomas Duggan, double team on Sedgwick avenue, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Penalties on contract of John Beattie remitted.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the penalties for overtime on the work of the contract with John Beattie, for building piers and abutments of the Madison Avenue Bridge, be remitted upon his releasing this Department from all claims for extra work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Receiving-basins—Melrose avenue and 158th street.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That two receiving-basins, with a man-hole and the necessary appurtenances, be built at the intersection of Melrose avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and that the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to this Board for approval plans and specifications for doing said work, and that a Treasurer's order be issued for doing the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Drains in 158th street.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to lay a temporary drain in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, to connect the basins heretofore ordered to be built at Melrose avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, with the existing drain crossing One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, about 250 feet west of Melrose avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Van Valkenburgh, Wm.—Bond.

Commissioner LANE called up the following resolution offered by him at the last meeting, and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That the bond of William Van Valkenburgh, Property Clerk, be fixed at the sum of ten thousand dollars, with two sureties to be approved by the Comptroller.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That William Van Valkenburgh, Property Clerk, be required to give a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, with two sureties who shall be approved of by the Comptroller, and who shall justify in the sum of ten thousand dollars each.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

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Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Saturday next, at 10 A. M.

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner Lane in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, when Commissioner LANE moved to amend the same by striking out the name of Commissioner Olliffe, on pages 367, 370, as presenting the reports of the Auditing Committee, and inserting in lieu thereof the name of Commissioner Lane.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The minutes as read were then approved.

The following communications were received :

Sedgwick avenue opening.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the confirmation by the Supreme Court of the proceedings instituted by this

Department for opening Sedgwick avenue, from Fordham Landing road to Boston avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Whereas, A certain proceeding was instituted by the Department of Public Parks by virtue of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and other statutes, to wit :

“ In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Sedgwick avenue, from Fordham Landing road to Boston avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York ;” and

Whereas, The report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court in said proceeding, was confirmed by said court on November 2, 1881 ; and

Whereas, Section 7 of said act provides for the creation and issue of stock of the City of New York for the payment of the damages awarded by said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and of the expenses, charges, and disbursements in the premises ; therefore

Resolved, That pursuant to section 7 of chapter 604, Laws of 1874, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby direct that the public fund or stock which the Comptroller of the City of New York by said provision of law is authorized and directed to create and cause to be issued in the name and on behalf of the City of New York, shall be issued at such time or times, in such manner and form, of such description, and in such amounts, not exceeding the total sum of ninety-seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$97,884.97), as the said Comptroller may determine, for the payment of the awards for damages, expenses, charges, and disbursements made and incurred by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court in a certain proceeding instituted by the Department of Public Parks by virtue of said act, to wit :

“ In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Sedgwick avenue, from Fordham Landing road to Boston avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.”

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined

in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Tax Maps—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Department of Taxes and Assessment, in relation to the completion of the tax maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Mill brook, condition of.

From the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of a sanitary report upon the condition of Mill brook, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets, and desiring to be informed what action has been taken in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Health for the construction of a sewer in Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets.

Laid over.

Braun, August—To let skates.

From August Braun, applying for the privilege of letting skates for hire in Central Park during the coming season.

Ordered filed.

Everard, James—Sprinkler.

From James Everard, contractor for macadamizing Fifth avenue, under the Department of Public Works, desiring the loan of one of the sprinklers belonging to this Department, while his own is being repaired.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Superintendent of Parks was authorized to loan a sprinkler to James Everard, if the same can be done without inconvenience to the Department.

Secretary's report—Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the return of

moneys made to the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement and return of moneys made to Comptroller November 16, 1881.

LICENSES.

1881.			
November,	2.	Isidor Isaac, goat-carriage service.....	\$11 62
"	2.	" " carrousel service.....	16 13
"	9.	John Lucas, donkey service.....	7 83
"	9.	Carl H. Schultz, mineral water service....	6 52
"	14.	Jos. J. Snow, pony service.....	6 25
"	14.	C. Ryan, refreshment, Central Park.....	192 28
			<hr/> \$240 63

PERMITS.

November,	3.	Bethany Presbyterian Church, sewer connection	\$10 00
"	4.	John A. Norman, sewer connection.....	10 00
"	4.	W. R. Beal, sewer connection.....	10 00
"	15.	Merritt & Hall, sewer connection.....	30 00
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Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beattie, John, payment on acceptance. . Const. B'dges over	
Harlem river...	\$27,976 05
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	\$27,976 05
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Amounting to the sum of twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and seventy-six dollars and five cents.

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 19, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Superintending Gardener to report on planting trees.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Superintending Gardener be directed to report to this Board without delay what additional trees can be advantageously planted upon the city parks.

Everard, James—Comptroller to return money deposited by him.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to return to James Everard the money deposited by him with his proposal for constructing sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth, One Hundred and Forty-fourth, and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, opened October 13, 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McDonald, Wm., pay of.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of William McDonald, Assistant Foreman in charge of the stables, be fixed at three dollars and fifty cents per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the nega-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Riverside avenue—Completion of improvement.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to examine the plans for the completion of the improvement of the Riverside avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-eighth streets, as presented to this Board December 15, last, and report without delay upon said plans, and what, if any, modifications can be made therein, to reduce the cost of completing said improvement.

Decker, George, restored to duty.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That George Decker, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McKenna, Robert, appointed laborer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Robert McKenna be appointed a laborer on the Central Park, and detailed for duty at the Arsenal.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Feeley, Patrick, appointed laborer.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Feeley be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Downey, John, appointed laborer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That John Downey be and he is hereby appointed a laborer for duty at the Menagerie, at \$1.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Transfer of funds.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the appropriation for the Improvement of Manhattan Square for 1881, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for Bronx River Bridges, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

O'Grady, James W.—Protest.

Communications were received from James W. O'Grady, claiming to be the lowest bidder, and protesting against the

awarding of the following contracts to any person or persons other than himself :

Constructing sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, etc.

Constructing sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, etc.

Building bridge and bay-wall in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Olmsted, Frederick Law—To appoint.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the trees, plants, and shrubbery of the Central Park, and the revision of the landscape, be placed under the charge of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, and that he be requested to confer with the Board in respect to his compensation.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Vaux, Calvert—To appoint.

Commissioner MACLEAN called up the following preamble and resolution, as originally offered by him at a meeting held October 19, 1881, and moved its adoption :

Whereas, It is expedient that the Commissioners of Public Parks, in their efforts to relieve the Central Park from the crippled condition into which it has lapsed during years of neglect, have the assistance of the principal original designer of the Central Park ; therefore be it

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be appointed Superintending Architect to the Department of Public Parks, at a salary of \$2,000, in the place of Julius Munckwitz.

Vaux, Calvert—To appoint.

Commissioner WALES offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be appointed Associate Architect, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

Commissioner Olliffe not voting.

Olmsted and Vaux—To appoint.

The question recurring on the motion of Commissioner MacLean, Commissioner WALES offered the following as a substitute :

Whereas, It is expedient that the Commissioners of Public Parks, in their efforts to relieve the Central Park from the crippled condition into which it has lapsed during years of neglect, have the assistance of the original designers of the Central Park ; therefore be it

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux be and they are hereby appointed Consulting Landscape Architects to the Department of Public Parks, at a compensation of \$3,000 each per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, offered by Commissioner MacLean, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of

the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Beattie, John—Contract awarded.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposal of John Beattie, amounting to \$13,749.70, for building an iron swing bridge over the Bronx river, between New York City and Westchester County, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid ; that the proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that a contract be entered into with the said John Beattie for doing said work, and that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Giblin & Lynn—proposal—Corporation Counsel to give opinion.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, the Secretary was directed to send the proposal of Giblin & Lynn, for building a bridge and bay-wall in the Central Park, opposite Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue, to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his opinion as to the informality of the same.

Contracts, award of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposals of James Everard, amounting to \$22,295, for constructing two roadways in Central Park, nearly opposite Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets and Eighth avenue ; the proposals of Bernard C. Murray, amounting to \$9,020, for regulating, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-third street, and for constructing a sewer in One Hun-

dred and Fifty-fifth street, amounting to \$2,274.10—be and the same are accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bids for doing said works. That the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that contracts be entered into with the said James Everard and the said Bernard C. Murray for doing said works, and that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Vaux, Calvert, appointment of.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be and he is hereby appointed Superintending Architect, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, and that Julius Munckwitz be appointed Architect, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

Vaux, Calvert; Munckwitz, Julius, appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be and he is hereby appointed Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to original resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Rowan, D. N.—Zebu cattle.

A communication was received from D. N. Rowan in relation to the exchange of Zebu cattle.

Referred to the Director of the Menagerie to report upon.

Elephant, purchase of.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Director of the Menagerie be directed to ascertain and report in relation to the purchase of a young elephant for the Park collection, with the price of the same.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at one o'clock and ten minutes the Board adjourned, to meet on Saturday next, 26th inst., at 10 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1881.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—Commissioner MACLEAN.

A quorum not being present.

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, Commissioner Wales was called to the chair.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

Bridge over Harlem river—Surburban Rapid Transit Co.

Messrs. Gustav Schwab, Lewis G. Morris, H. N. Camp, B. G. Arnold, S. R. Filley, R. M. Hoe, and Messrs. Lyon, Harrison and Morris, of Counsel, appeared before the Board and presented a petition signed by S. R. Filley, President of the Surburban Rapid Transit Co., for permission to erect a bridge across the Harlem River for the use of said company.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance and by virtue of authority vested in the Department of Public Parks, by chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and further by the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, and such other acts as relate to the improvement of the Harlem river and the construction of bridges over or tunnels under the same, the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the location and erection of a railroad and foot-bridge across the Harlem river, from a point at or near the terminus of Second avenue, in the City of New York, and at right angles to the courses of the proposed improved channel of said river, as heretofore determined by this Department, and since adopted by the United

States authorities, to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted, signed by J. J. R. Croes, Engineer, and John Newton, Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the Harlem river improvement, dated October 17, 1881, and does hereby designate one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to certify and acknowledge and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and one in the Department of Public Parks, and to sign, on behalf of this Department, an agreement with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for the erection of said bridge and its approaches after the form of said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the construction of said bridge and its approaches; and that all costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings, and of every name and nature whatsoever incident to the acquisition of lands, preparation for, superintendence of, and building of said bridge be borne and paid by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

Laid over.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

Mayor, calling meeting to select fire engine quarters.

From the Mayor, relative to a meeting of the officers designated by section 13, chapter 742, Laws 1871, to consider requisitions of the Fire Department for quarters for Engine Companies Nos. 33 and 41.

Ordered filed.

Meeting, Board Street Openings.

From R. J. Morrison, Secretary of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, relative to a meeting of said Board, held on 3d inst.

Ordered filed.

Transfer \$1,000 to Broadway.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$1,000 from the appropriation for "Salaries" to the appropriation for "Broadway, in Twenty-fourth Ward."

Ordered filed.

Transfer \$3,000, Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriation for "Salaries" to the appropriation for "Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards."

Ordered filed.

Corporation Counsel—Opinion proposal Giblin & Lyons.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting the following opinion, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, November 29, 1881. }

E. P. BARKER, Esq.,

Secretary of the Department of Public Parks :

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 19th instant, transmitting to me the proposal of Giblin & Lyons for building a bridge and bay-wall in Central Park, opposite Seventy-seventh street, and requesting my opinion as to the informality in the same, the sureties failing to sign the necessary affidavits.

One of the affidavits in question is as follows :

" City and County of New York, ss. :

" The above-named, James Damery, being sworn, says that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the sum of \$5,000 over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, being the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract above referred to ; that

he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with an intention to execute the bond required by law.

“ Subscribed and sworn to before me, }
 this 15th day of November, A.D. 1881, }

“ WASHINGTON E. PAGE,
 “ *Notary Public,*
 “ *N. Y. Co.*”

The affidavit of the other surety, Daniel Donovan, is in the same form.

The question whether the failure of the person making an affidavit to sign his name at the end thereof renders the affidavit invalid, has been several times considered by the courts of this State. The decisions are not harmonious, but I think that the weight of authority is in favor of the view that such failure of the affiant to sign his name does not render the affidavit insufficient or invalid. In several cases which have heretofore arisen in the different Departments of the city government I have so advised, and I therefore now advise you that, in my opinion, the failure of the proposed sureties to sign their names at the end of their respective affidavits does not render the proposal of Messrs. Giblin & Lyons irregular.

The proposal is herewith returned.

Since writing the foregoing, Mr. Morris K. Jesup has called at this office, and stated that another question has been raised in regard to the bid of Giblin & Lyons, concerning which the Department desires my opinion, which question, as I understand from Mr. Jessup, is as follows :

The printed paper prefixed to the form of contract, and headed, “ to contractors,” contains, among other things, the following :

“ The architect’s estimate of work and materials by which
 “ bids will be tested is as follows, to wit : * * *

“ 518 cubic yards of stone work above foundation for
 “ bridge.

“ 300 cubic yards of stone work above foundation for bay-
 “ wall.”

Among other items bid for by Giblin & Lyons is the following :

“ For material and building rubble masonry for walls
 above foundation and bay-wall.”

It is claimed, as I understand from Mr. Jesup, that the bid of Giblin & Lyons is irregular, because, instead of bidding for the stone work above the foundation for bridge

and stone work above the foundation for bay-wall separately, they bid one price for both kinds of stone work.

If this is the question which has been raised, I am of the opinion that the bid of Giblin & Lyons is entirely regular. The notice to contractors states that bidders will state a price for each class of the work as above designated. It also states that the form of the agreement is annexed to said notice. The form of such agreement which is annexed, contains, among other classes of work, the following: "The furnishing material and building of rubble masonry for all walls above foundation for bridge, all as hereinbefore specified, the sum of dollars per cubic yard." The very terms of the contract, therefore, describe a class of work for which, as above mentioned, Giblin & Lyons have named a price, and their bid is, in this respect, therefore, entirely regular.

Yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

O'Grady, James W.—Protest.

From Jas. W. O'Grady, claiming to be the lowest formal bidder for building a bridge and bay-wall in the Central Park, and protesting against the awarding of the contract to any person or persons other than himself.

Ordered filed.

Giblin & Lyons—Contract awarded.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of Giblin & Lyons, amounting to \$25,740.43, for building a bridge and bay-wall in the Central Park, opposite Seventy-seventh street and Eighth avenue, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid; that the proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that a contract be entered into with said Giblin & Lyons for doing said work, and that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affir-

mative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Counsel to Corporation—Street openings.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the opening of Riverdale avenue, from Broadway to Bailey avenue, and desiring to be furnished with a rule map and technical description of the land required to be taken.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish the information necessary.

Drainage Maps, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of a report in the matter of the maps, drains, and lands required for the same in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and

From the Topographical Engineer, in relation to the same subject, and reporting that the information desired had been furnished.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the Secretary was directed to forward copies of said reports to the Counsel to the Corporation.

President Fire Department—Condition of Thomas avenue.

From the President of the Fire Department, desiring this Department to improve the condition of Thomas avenue south of Kingsbridge road, to facilitate the response to fire alarms by Engine Co. No. 48.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to report upon without delay.

Shelter-car—Eighth avenue sidewalk.

From H. B. Wilson, Superintendent Eighth Avenue Railroad, desiring permission to place a shelter-car on the park sidewalk of Eighth avenue, near Seventy-seventh street, and

from Captain Beaty, reporting that a shelter-car had been placed on the sidewalk of Eighth avenue, near Seventy-seventh street.

Ordered filed.

Cauldwell, Wm.—Payment between car-tracks.

From Wm. Cauldwell, Treasurer of the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railroad Company, in relation to paving the space between the tracks of the said company.

Laid over.

Telephone and Telegraph Co.—Wires.

From the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, in relation to the removal of wires from the trees in several parks.

Ordered filed.

Muller, Caroline—Recommendation.

From the Tompkins Square, Union and Taxpayers' Association of the Tenth, Eleventh, and Seventeenth Wards, recommending Caroline Muller for employment as ladies maid.

Ordered filed.

Quinn, Michael—Resignation.

From Michael Quinn, resigning his position as Gate-keeper.

Accepted.

Fire Department—Guys.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the Fire Department be requested to make arrangements for attaching the guys to their poles other than that of attaching them to the guy-post of the Electric Illuminating Company in Madison Square.

Goeller, Geo. C.—Street numbers, 23d and 24th Wards.

From Geo. C. Goeller, in relation to numbering the houses in the streets of the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to Commissioner Lane.

Guidet, Charles—Loan of sprinkler.

From Charles Guidet, contractor, desiring the loan of a sprinkler.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Superintendent of Parks was authorized to loan a sprinkler to Charles Guidet, to be returned by him in good condition in twenty days.

Downey, Mary—Application.

From Mrs. Mary Downey, desiring to be employed as ladies' maid.

Ordered filed.

Muller, Caroline—Appointed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Caroline Muller be and she is hereby appointed ladies' maid, in charge of the cottage at Tompkins Square.

Collins, Mary—To appoint.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That Mary Collins be appointed a ladies' maid in charge of the cottage at Tompkins Square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioner Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, McLean—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

A. P.—Commending conduct of Gatekeeper Burns.

From Mrs. A——— P———, commending conduct of Gatekeeper Burns in stopping a runaway horse.

Ordered filed.

Police Tailors—Increase of pay.

From the Police Tailors, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

Director of Menagerie—Zebu cattle.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the communication of D. N. Rowan, relative to the exchange of zebu cattle.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe.

Superintending Gardener—List of trees for planting.

From the Superintending Gardener, reporting a list of trees for planting upon the city parks.

Laid over.

Police Surgeon—Condition of Parkkeeper O'Neil.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting the improved condition of Parkkeeper John O'Neil, and recommending that he be assigned to some light duty.

Laid over.

Captain Beaty—Sign on electric light pole.

From Captain Beaty, in relation to sign painted by the Brush Electric Illuminating Company on the electric light pole in Union Square.

Ordered filed.

Peck & Snyder—Recommendation.

From Peck & Snyder, in relation to the application of Ward B. Snyder for the privilege of letting skates in Central Park during the coming season.

Ordered filed.

Bronx River Bridges—Supervisors of Westchester Co.

From the Committee on Bronx River Bridges of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County, in relation to the

condition of the approaches to the bridges over the Bronx river.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Mandamus—J. W. O'Grady.

Commissioner LANE presented a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the application of James W. O'Grady for a mandamus to compel this Department to take action in relation to certain contracts which he claims should be awarded to him, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to appear and oppose the applications of James W. O'Grady for these several mandamus to compel the Department of Public Parks to take action in relation to certain contracts for building sewers, which he claims should be awarded to him.

Superintendent of Parks—Works in progress.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Lynn, Wanhoop—Time allowed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that Wanhoop Lynn be allowed pay for the time made by him after the acceptance of his resignation as foreman.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that Wanhoop Lynn be allowed pay for two days' time.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Murphy, John—Discharged.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of John. Murphy, laborer.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said John Murphy was discharged from the employ of the Department.

Topographical Survey, Parks Twenty-third Ward.

From the Architect of Morningside Park, desiring the assistance of Assistant Engineer Calkins to make a topographical survey of the small parks at Third and Boston avenues, and at Franklin and Fulton avenues, to be used in the preparation of the designs for said parks.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That F. A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer and corps, be directed to proceed with the work of making a topographical survey of the parks at the intersection of Third avenue with Boston avenue and Franklin avenue with Fulton avenue.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The following communications were received from the Acting Engineer of Construction :

Plans—Bridge above High Bridge.

1. Reporting upon the progress made in the preparation of plans, etc., for a bridge over the Harlem river above High Bridge.

Laid over.

Receiving-basins, Melrose avenue and 158th street.

2. Presenting plans and specifications for two receiving-basins with a manhole and appurtenances, to be built at the intersection of Melrose avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, with the estimated cost of the same.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Commissioner Olliffe be authorized to obtain estimates for building two receiving-basins, etc., at the

intersection of Melrose avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and that he be authorized to issue a Treasurer's order for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sewer One Hundred and Forty-first street—Time of completion extended.

3. Recommending that Frederick C. Saportas, contractor, be allowed to suspend the work of constructing a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Willis and Alexander avenues, until spring.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Acting Engineer of Construction, to allow the contractor to suspend the work on the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, etc., until spring, be approved, and that the time for the completion of said work be extended to April 1 next.

One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street—Regulating, etc.

4. Presenting plans and specifications for regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and setting curb and gutter stones, etc., from Third to Alexander avenues.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Third to Alexander avenue, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record*, inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bathgate, Wm., Inspector sewer 3d ave. and 156th st.—Restored.

5. Recommending that the Inspector on sewer in Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to Brook avenue, be re-assigned to the work during the completion of a defective portion of said sewer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That William Bathgate be and he is hereby restored to duty as Inspector on the work of constructing sewer in Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street until the same is properly completed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Maintenance Harlem and Bronx River Bridges.

6. Recommending that the care and maintenance of the bridges over the Harlem and Bronx rivers be placed under the charge of Superintendent of Parks, or the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, who shall be held responsible for and charged with all ordinary repairs and maintenance.

Ordered filed.

Farmers' Bridge—Plans for repairs.

Presenting a plan and specifications for repairing Farmers' Bridge over the Harlem river.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for repairing Farmers' Bridge over Harlem river, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved ; and that

the work be done under the Acting Engineer of Construction, and that Commissioner Olliffe be authorized to obtain bids, and issue Treasurer's order to the lowest bidder for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Tucker, Francis C.—To appoint.

Recommending the appointment of Francis C. Tucker as Assistant Engineer in place of Daniel Bontecou, resigned.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Francis C. Tucker be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Engineer for duty on the Madison Avenue Bridge, at a salary of \$1,600 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Clark, W. V., to appoint.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the employment of Wm. V. Clark as assistant to facilitate the preparation of maps for the Department of Taxes and Assessment.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. V. Clark be and he is hereby appointed an assistant to the Topographical Engineer, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the nega-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Welch, E. V.—Complaint of Drainage at Home of Incurables.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the complaint of E. V. Welch, relative to the drainage near Grove street and the "Home for Incurables," in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Ordered filed.

Acting Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Reports.

The following communications were received from the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Transfers of double teams.

Recommending the transfer of Philip Austin and James Kennedy, double teams, from Broadway to the Southern Boulevard.

Commissioner WALES moved that Philip Austin and James Kennedy, double teams, be and they are hereby transferred from the work on Broadway to the Southern Boulevard.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Works in progress.

Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Broadway—Completion of work and suspension of men.

Reporting the completion of the work of macadamizing

Broadway, and the suspension of the following persons employed thereon :

Wm. Kelly, foreman.
 James Ryan, laborer.
 Daniel Harrington, laborer.
 Wm. Chambers, “
 Patrick Brennan, “
 Thomas Shea, “
 Paolo Capelli, “
 Michal Dillon, “
 Jno. Wiegel, “
 David Duane, “
 Thomas Hines, “
 Dennis Burns, “
 Peter Baker, “

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE the above named persons were discharged.

Restoration of teams—Southern Boulevard.

Recommending the restoration of John Finn, Jeremiah Healy, and Michael Lennon, double teams, on the Southern Boulevard.

Commissioner WALES moved that John Finn, Jeremiah Healy and Michael Lennon, double teams, be restored to duty on the Southern Boulevard.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Suspensions—Sedgwick avenue.

Reporting the suspension of men and teams employed on Sedgwick avenue.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the recommendations of the Acting Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, contained in his communications of November 21, 1881, and December 2, 1881, was approved, and the men and teams therein named were discharged from the employ of the Department.

Crotty, Foreman—Transfer.

Restoration of Teams—On Maintenance.

Recommending the restoration of men and teams on the work of Maintenance in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the transfer of Foreman P. Crotty to said work from work on Sedgwick avenue.

Commissioner WALES moved that the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, contained in his communication of 2d instant, be approved, and that the men and teams mentioned therein be restored to duty, and that Foreman P. Crotty be transferred from Sedgwick avenue to the work of Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Southern Boulevard—Suspension teams and laborers.

Reporting the suspension of the following named persons employed on the Southern Boulevard :

Philip Austin, double team.

James Kennedy, “

Patrick Conlin, laborer.

William Keegan, “

Patrick Kerr, “

Michael Eagan, “

William McGill, laborer.

Michael Reed, “

Thomas O’Keefe, “

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Transfer of teams—Broadway to Southern Boulevard.

Reporting the temporary transfer of Philip Austin and James Kennedy, double teams, from Broadway to work on the Southern Boulevard.

On motion of Commissioner WALES the action of the Acting Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Temporary suspensions during stormy weather.

Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Transfer of Foreman McLaren—Suspension of work on Sedgwick avenue.

In relation to the the use of steam road-rollers on Sedgwick avenue; recommending the transfer of Foreman John McLaren from Sedgwick avenue to the work of Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; and reporting the suspension of the following named persons employed on Sedgwick avenue :

John Graham, steam engineer.

Charles Kadinn, double team.

James Glynn, “

Richard Mills, laborer.

Bartholomew Flynn, laborer.

Terrence Lappin, “

Thomas Delaney, “

James Deadey, laborer.

John Morgan, “

Thomas Kavanagh, “

M. J. Kelly, “

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be approved, and that Foreman John McLaren be transferred from Sedgwick avenue to the work of Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Randall, S. S.—Third Avenue Rapid Transit Route.

From Sidwell S. Randall, Secretary Local Improvement Association, transmitting a copy of a preamble and resolution relative to the Third avenue route, recently adopted by the Rapid Transit Commission.

Referred to the Secretary to notify Mr. Randall that the Board will be pleased to have him appear and be heard at his convenience.

Schedler, B. C. L.—For extension of lease.

From Bertha C. L. Schedler, applying for an extension of her unexpired term of lease of the High Bridge Hotel.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Benoit, A. V., drawing materials. Labor, Maint. and

Supplies.

\$23 00

Bertine, Edwin R., flag.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$7 00
Bowes, John J. and Bro., final estimate.	4th ave. Parks, Impt. of.....		4,355 56
Bowker, John A., broken stone.....	Sedgwick avenue, Maint., etc....	\$780 00	
	B'dway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maint. of.....	380 00	
		<hr/>	1,160 00
Coffin, Paul C., horse nails.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		11 50
Early & Lane, brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$24 75	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	2 25	
		<hr/>	27 00
Gaffeny, Richard, barrels and sand.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards..		14 40
Hawley, James C., disbursements.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$85 94	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	4 33	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	25 23	
		<hr/>	115 50
Harmer, Hayes & Co., blankets.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		78 50
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., hose bibb.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		1 19
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$176 90	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	100 70	
	Surveys, Maps & Plans, 23d and 24th Wards....	15 90	
		<hr/>	293 50
Manning, John W., stone.....	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....		290 00
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..		1,343 30
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$111 37	
	Harlem R. Bridge, Reps., Impt. and Maint.....	7 70	
		<hr/>	119 07

Mott, J. L. Iron Works, iron rings.	Laying Walks, City Parks & Places.	\$514 10
Nathans, J. J., pheasants.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	30 00
Otis & Gorline, vitrified pipe.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	33 70
Penrhyn Slate Co., slate urinals, etc. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	63 00
Slattery, James, mould.	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.	900 00
Slattery, James, mould.	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.	450 00
Seaman, John A., manilla rope.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	100 80
Simpson, Wm., estate rent.	Rents, Dept. Public Parks. . .	120 00
Schillinger, John J., pavement.	Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.	1,700 00
Sullivan, T., repairs to gas fixtures. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	5 18
Thorburn, Geo. & Co., derrick poles. . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	20 00
Walker, J., charcoal.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	6 00
White, Chas. W., lumber.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	300 00
White, Chas. W., white oak.	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	24 00
Wootten E. H., pavement.	Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.	3,168 97
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Lay- ing - out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$33 79
	Making maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Dept., Taxes & Assts. .	8 81
	Surveys, Maps & Plans, 23d and 24th Wards. . .	8 80

Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Harlem R. Bdgs.,		
Reps., Impt. &		
Maint	\$1 63	
Bronx Riv. Bdgs.	89	
		<u>\$53 92</u>
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Const. Bdgs. over		
Harlem River..		4 39
		<u><u>\$15,333 58</u></u>

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,048 48
Maintenance Zoological Department	137 28
Manhattan Square—Improvement of	1,640 00
Maintenance Museums	1,343 30
Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.....	5,383 07
Rents—Department of Public Parks	120 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Main- tenance	33 33
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	25 23
Sedgwick avenue—Maintenance, etc.....	780 00
Broadway, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards— Maintenance, etc.	380 00
Bronx River Bridges.....	89
Surveys, Maps and Plans, Twenty-third and Twenty- fourth Wards.....	24 70
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty- fourth Wards	48 19
Making Maps, Department of Taxes and Assessments, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	8 81
Fourth avenue Parks—Improvement of.....	4,355 56
Constructing Bridges over Harlem River.....	4 39
	<u><u>\$15,333 58</u></u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 6, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Decker, N. H., Estimate No. 1.....	Sewer Third ave. and 156th st., from 158th st. to Brook ave....	\$1,059 10
Decker, N. H., payment on acceptance.	Sewer, etc., 141st st. and Third ave. to Alexander ave. with drains.....	896 64
		<u>\$1,955 74</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvement Fund, authorized June 9, 1881.....	<u>\$1,955 74</u>
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen hundred and fifty-five dollars and seventy-four cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, October 11, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies,.....		\$55 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....		52 50
Benoit, A. V., tapes.....	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....		9 60
Bixby, S. M., blacking.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies,.....		7 00
Cohn, A. B. & Co., road scraper.....	Southern Boul., Maint. of.....		140 00
Hazard Powder Co., cotton fuse.....	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of.....		2 50
Hardwin, Joseph, flags.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$5 25	
	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of.....	6 00	
		<hr/>	11 25
Hine & Co., oil cans.....	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of.....	\$0 60	
	Southern Boul., Maint. of.....	60	
		<hr/>	1 20
Holbrook Brothers, glass.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		20 40
Howell, A., Telford stone.....	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of.....		516 00
Jones, N. F., Estimate No. 2.....	Bronx River Bdg.		2,926 60
Leonard & McCoy, grates.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		4 76
McClave, E. W. & Co., spruce timber..	Maint. Zool. Dept.		66 85
McClave, E. W. & Co., spruce timber.	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps, Impt. & Maint.....		45 36
McClave, E. W. & Co., spruce timber..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		117 75
McKesson and Robbins, borax..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		3 75

Mallen, Owen, blacksmithing	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$2 85	
	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of, etc..	10 40	
	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards, Maint. of.....	3 80	
	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of.	7 12	
	Sewers and drains 23d and 24th Wds., cleaning, etc	80	
		<hr/>	\$34 97
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		3 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, steel grates, etc	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$19 98	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	85	
		<hr/>	20 83
New York Coal Tar Chemical Co., paving cement.....	Laying Walks, Central Park...		570 20
Pratt, Charles & Co., oil	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$12 82	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint.....	1 92	
		<hr/>	14 74
Pastler, Wm. C., hire of steam roller...	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of.....	\$100 00	
	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards, Maint. of.....	100 00	
		<hr/>	200 00
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber boots.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards..		10 20
Seymour, W. N. & Co., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$4 20	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Supplies.....	7 80	
		<hr/>	12 00

Wadsworth, Martinez & Longham, oil.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$13 65	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint.	16 25	
	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of	1 63	
			\$31 53
Whitney, A. R., Norway iron.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		12 00
Wright, R. J., oats, corn, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$666 98	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	56 93	
			723 91
			<u>\$5,604 65</u>

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.	\$799 13
Maintenance Zoological Department.	145 03
Laying Walks, Central Park.	570 20
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.	123 83
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.	130 61
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of, etc.	103 80
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of, etc.	637 13
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of, etc.	147 72
Bronx River Bridges.	2,926 60
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	10 20
Surveys, Maps and Plans.	9 60
Sewers and Drains—Cleaning, etc.	80
	<u>\$5,604 65</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-six hundred and four dollars and sixty-four cents.

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, November 25, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Connolly James—Restoration of.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to restore James Connolly to duty as toolman.

Commissioner WALES offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report to this Board his reasons for removing James Connolly from his position as toolman.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Assessment lists approved of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES—

Resolved, That the following assessment lists—

For laying crosswalks across Willis avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets, and flagging sidewalks a space four feet wide in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Willis and Alexander avenues ;

And for laying crosswalks in Courtland avenue, and in each street intersecting said avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street; and also the several statements of the amounts and cost of the work therein mentioned be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Keepers discharged.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named Keepers be and they are hereby discharged from the service of the Department :

Patrick Burns,
John Kelly,
Richard W. Morgan,
James McGinn,
Francis McLaughlin,
Patrick Nevins,
Frank Reynolds,
James Valles,
James Higgins,
Thomas Wade.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Laborers appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That James Shannon, Bernard McGuire, Alexander Sloane, Joseph Reilly, and John Connery be and they are hereby restored to duty as laborers.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Bridge over Bronx river at West Farms.

A communication was received from the Supervisors of Westchester County, in relation to the repairs necessary to the bridge over the Bronx river at West Farms near Bucking factory.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon, with an estimate of the cost of the necessary repairs.

Bills—Foreman Johnson ; W. L. Fischer.

The following bills were received and referred to the Auditing Committee for examination and report.

Charles A. Johnson, Foreman—Extra time during music on Mall.....	\$14 00
W. L. Fischer, Superintending Gardener—Expenses, car fare.....	4 10
W. L. Fischer, Superintending Gardener—Expenses, car fare.....	6 45

Shortell, John, appointed.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That John Shortell be appointed a laborer.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Goodlock, E. J., appointed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Edward J. Goodlock be appointed a painter on Fourth Avenue Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Kerr, W. J., appointed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That William J. Kerr be appointed a laborer on maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Duffy, Terrence, appointed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Terrence Duffy be appointed a blacksmith on the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

By-Laws—Amendments to.

Commissioner MACLEAN, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of a revision of the By-Laws, reported verbally, recommending that section 2, article 1, be amended so as to read : “ Stated meetings shall be held on the first and third Saturday of each month during the months of December, January, February, March, and April, and on

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the first and third Wednesdays of each month during the months of May, June, July, August, September, October and November.

SEC. 3. Strike out "10 o'clock" and insert in lieu thereof "9.30 o'clock."

Laid over.

On motion of Commissioner LANE,

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 14th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

On motion, at 1.50 P. M.,

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner Wales in the chair.

The regular order of business was suspended.

Rapid transit routes—Bridge over Harlem river.

Mr. S. R. Filley, President, and B. N. Harrison, and Fordham Morris, Counsel for the Suburban Rapid Transit Co., appeared before the Board in relation to the permission asked for to erect a bridge across the Harlem river for the use of said company, and in connection therewith filed a copy of the articles of association and a petition for the consent of the Department to the route, location, construction, and operation of said company.

Joseph Poole, Counsel for the Second Avenue Railroad Company, appeared in opposition to the application for the construction of said bridge.

S. S. Randall, Secretary of the Local Improvement Association, and Judge Angell, appeared in behalf of the Third Avenue Rapid Transit route.

A communication was received from Matthew Daly, Secretary Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners, appointed by the

Mayor, June 16, 1881, transmitting copy of articles of association, and a copy of the resolution of the Board of Aldermen approving the route as laid out by said Commissioners.

Messrs. Sickles and De Graff appeared in relation to the same, and asked that a further hearing be granted.

Counsel to Corporation, for opinion.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to furnish this Department with his opinion as to whether the privileges granted to the Second Avenue Railroad Company by chapter 373 of the Laws of 1855, but which have not yet been exercised, prevent and prohibit this Board from granting the application of any corporation organized under chapter 606, Laws of 1875, for the construction of a bridge across the Harlem river, at Second avenue.

Laid over.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Stebbins, Henry G.—Death of.

The CHAIRMAN announced to the Board the death of Henry G. Stebbins, ex-Commissioner of the Department, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner WALES, the following was unanimously ordered entered on the minutes :

The Board of Commissioners governing this Department, moved by the sad intelligence of the death of Hon. Henry G. Stebbins, occurring on the ninth instant, desire to place upon its records this testimonial of their high appreciation of the valuable public services rendered by him during the many years of his connection with the development and improvements of the parks of this city. In the discharge of the functions of his office of Commissioner and President of the original Central Park Commission, and in later times as Commissioner and President of the Department of Public Parks, his course was marked by ability, fidelity, and integrity.

Corporation Counsel—Opinions.

The CHAIRMAN presented two opinions from the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the duty of the Department in flagging sidewalks and allowing trees to remain standing thereon, and in relation to the application of James W. O'Grady to be awarded certain contracts, which were ordered entered at length on the minutes, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, December 3, 1881. }

E. P. BARKER, Esq., *Secretary of the Department of Public Parks :*

SIR—In your letter to me of the 27th of October, last, you stated that you were directed by the Board governing your Department to transmit a copy of a communication from the Engineer of the Department in relation to allowing trees to remain standing on sidewalks where regulating and grading is now in progress, and requested my opinion on the subject.

The report of the Engineer shows that under an ordinance of the Common Council, flagging to the width of four feet is being laid on One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Third and Elton avenues. That certain property-owners petitioned that the trees standing on the sidewalk in front of their premises be allowed to remain; that throughout the rest of the street the four feet width of flagging called for by the ordinance is laid along the centre of the sidewalk, but where the trees in question stand it would be impossible to continue to lay the flagging along the centre of the sidewalk without removing the trees; and that the trees are young and thrifty and an ornament to the street.

It is difficult to answer an inquiry of this kind without more definite information. If the ordinance directs that flagging to the width of four feet be laid *along the centre* of the sidewalk, and the trees in question prevent the laying of the same, it is the manifest duty of the Department, under such an ordinance, to cause the trees to be cut down and removed. If the ordinance merely directs the laying of flagging to the width of four feet, and the Department has a discretion as to the portion of the sidewalk upon which such flagging shall be laid, and it can be so laid as not to make it necessary to cut down the trees, of course they can be allowed to remain. The usual and, I presume, the proper method of laying flagging when the whole width of the sidewalk is not to be flagged, is to lay it in the centre. It appears from the report of the Engineer that this has been done throughout the rest of the street, except where such trees stand; and a full compliance with the ordinance therefore would require that the trees should be removed; but under existing laws I do not think a failure to remove the trees and flag over the place where they stand would invalidate the assessment to be laid for the work.

I should think that the proper course to be taken in a case like this would have been, to ask the Common Council to amend the ordinance so as to permit the trees to remain. In all cases arising hereafter I recommend that before the work is let or commenced, if the ordinance requires flagging to be done in places where trees are standing, and it is desirable that they should remain, that the Common Council be asked to pass ordinances in such form as will give the Department authority to have the flagging laid, without interfering with the trees.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
 NEW YORK, December 8, 1881. }

E. P. BARKER, Esq., *Secretary of the Department of Public Parks:*

SIR - I am in receipt of your communication under date of December 5, inclosing papers in the matter of the application to compel the Park Commissioners to award to James W. O'Grady contracts for constructing various sewers in the annexed district. I am also in receipt of your communication under date of December 7, 1881, inclosing resolution of the Board governing your Department, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to appear and oppose the application of James W. O'Grady for three several mandamuses to compel the Department of Public Parks to take action in relation to certain contracts for building sewers, which he claims should be awarded to him."

I have had this application adjourned from time to time, and to-day secured a further adjournment until Monday next, upon a stipulation that no steps should be taken by your Department, until the hearing and determination of this matter, to award or execute contracts for building these sewers to any person other than Mr. O'Grady.

On October 25, 1881, in reply to a communication from your Department of the 20th of that month, in which certain alleged irregularities in the proposals of Mr. O'Grady were called to my attention, I advised that the supposed irregularities were not of such a character as to justify the Board in refusing to award the contract to Mr. O'Grady. If you will acquaint me with any other or further legal objections which may exist to the awarding of this contract, I will, with pleasure, present them to the Court, in opposition to the granting of this application; but in the absence of any irregularities in these proposals other than those which I have already considered and advised you on, I must decline to contest the plaintiff's application before the courts.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Corporation Counsel—For information.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to inquire of the Counsel to the Corporation his reason for causing to be inserted in the advertisement for proposals, "The Department of Public Parks reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received in response to this advertisement, if it should deem it for the interest of the city so to do, and to readvertise until satisfactory bids or proposals shall be received," also what, if any other, clauses, inserted by his directions, are meaningless.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Commissioner Olliffe not voting.

The following communications were received :

Board of Assessors—For information, sewer in 140th street.

From the Board of Assessors, inclosing a copy of an objection of John B. Talmage and others to the proposed assessment for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Alexander to Brook avenue, with branches in Alexander and Willis avenues.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish information in relation to the same.

Dikeman, James W.—For appointment.

From James W. Dikeman, applying for an appointment as foreman on the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Street openings—Meeting of Board.

From R. J. Morrison, Secretary of Board of Street Opening and Improvement, in relation to a meeting of said Board.

Ordered filed.

Jackson, T. R.—Coal chutes U. S. Post Office.

From T. R. Jackson, Superintendent of repairs of United States Post Office and Court-house, desiring permission to build two coal chutes in the sidewalk, on the park front of the Post Office.

Referred to the Architect to report upon.

Hughes, John—To curb, etc., in front of his premises.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to the propriety of granting a permit to John Hughes to set curb, gutter, and flagging in front of his premises on One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between St. Ann's and Brook avenues.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, permission was granted John Hughes for doing said work, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Acting Engineer of Construction, etc.—Works in progress.

From the Topographical Engineer and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Wibert, J. S.—Highbridge Park Hotel.

From J. S. Wibert, applying for a lease of the Highbridge Hotel.

Ordered filed.

Secretary—Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the moneys deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement and return of moneys made to Comptroller, December 7, 1881.

1881.	PERMITS.		
Nov. 17.	C. L. LaCoste, sewer connection.....	\$10 00	
	17. A. Fullerton, sewer connection.....	10 00	
	17. C. Vendoon, sewer connection.....	10 00	
	25. William Roland, sewer connection.....	30 00	
	25. S. B. Johnson, sewer connection.....	40 00	
	28. A. Koenig, sewer connection.....	10 00	
Dec.	1. N. Y. Fire Department, sewer connection.....	10 00	
	5. James Hall, sewer connection.....	10 00	
	5. Mrs. M. J. Fagan, sewer connection.....	10 00	
			\$140 06
	LICENSE.		
Nov. 28.	John McMahon, refreshment East River Park...	\$5 49	
Dec.	2. Isidor Isaac, Carrousel service.....	10 91	
	2. Isidor Isaac, goat carriage service.....	5 65	
			22 05
	SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.		
Nov. 29.	William Rounwald, No. 40.....	\$10 00	
Dec.	1. Thomas C. Andrews, No. 41.....	10 00	
	6. Gustav Engel, No. 42.....	6 00	
			26 00
			\$188 05

Lucas, John—Donkey service.

From John Lucas, applying for a renewal of his license for donkey service in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Laborers discharged.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the suspension of the following persons employed on Riverside Drive :

John J. Farrell, laborer.

William O'Brien, “

James Hawley, “

P. McCabe, “

Dennis O'Neill, “

Richard Delmage, “

Eugene O'Keefe, “

Moses Phillips, “

On motion of Commissioner LANE, said persons were discharged from the employ of the Department.

Museum Natural History—Shelter-car, 8th avenue.

From Morris K. Jesup, President American Museum of Natural History, desiring that permission be granted the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to place a shelter-car at Eighth avenue and Seventy-seventh street.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that permission be granted the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to place a shelter-car at Eighth avenue and Seventy-seventh street.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

Museum Natural History—Increased accommodation.

From Morris K. Jesup, President of American Museum of Natural History, in relation to using the upper part of the Arsenal building for the preparation and arrangement of botanical and geological collections, and making certain cabinets and conveniences in the rooms on the attic story of the new building without expense to this Department.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the subject was referred to Commissioner MacLean to report upon at the next meeting of the Board.

Grade Maps—Riverdale and Bailey avenues.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting for filing grade and monument maps showing portions of Riverdale and Bailey avenues, near Kingsbridge Station.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, under chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, establish, and classify those certain streets or avenues, or portion of the same, of the width, extent, direction, grade, and class as shown on a map or plan entitled "Plans and profiles showing Riverdale avenue, from Broadway to Bailey avenue, and Bailey avenue, from Riverdale avenue about 1,246 feet southerly therefrom, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York." "Dated New York, January 7, 1878." The same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good, and Salem H. Wales, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file three copies of the said map, in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Corporation Counsel—Parks Twenty-third Ward.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title to the lands designated and shown as a public park or parks on a map or plan entitled "Plan of streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places within that portion of the Morrisania District bounded by One Hundred and Sixty-first street, the New York and Harlem Railroad, and by the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York." Dated New York, August 1, 1881. Adopted by the Department of Public Parks, August 3, 1881, and filed according to law, and that the Commissioners of the Department be authorized to sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Board Estimate and Apportionment—Meeting.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution inviting the Commissioners of this Department to attend a meeting to be held on the 15th instant, for the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1882.

Ordered filed.

Schwarz, Charles—Lease Highbridge Hotel.

From Charles Schwarz, applying for a transfer of the lease of the Highbridge Hotel, now held by Mrs. Schedler.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean to report upon.

Kelly, Michael J., and Meehan, Thomas—Restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael J. Kelly, laborer on Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and Thomas Meehan,

laborer on Central Park, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Farrell, J. J.—Appointed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That J. J. Farrell be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

By-laws—Amendments to.

Commissioner MACLEAN called from the table the amendments to the By-laws, as offered by him at the last meeting, on pages 422–3 of the minutes, and moved their adoption.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$597 17
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying Walks, Central Park...	702 74
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	560 68
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	620 54
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	533 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	534 44
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	588 15
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards, Maint. of.....	\$30 00
	Southern Boul., Maint. of.....	70 00
	<hr/>	100 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	2 75
Halsey, Geo. W., hay, oats, etc.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	68 04
Howell, A. J., stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards 1880.....	742 50
Howell, A. J., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	516 00
Howell, A. J., screenings.....	Southern Boul., Maint. of.....	696 00
Howell, A. J., trap-rock.....	Southern Boul., Maint. of.....	516 00
Hotaling, D., blue-stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	7 20
Keal, Thomas K., hair cushion.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	10 00
Manning, John W., filling and mould..	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....	725 00
Manning, John W., stone and mould..	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....	965 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grates and ornaments.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	78 20

Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron.....Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	\$19 45
O'Brien, M., milk.....Maint. Zool. Dept.	8 40
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., brushes and oil. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	92 54
Shady, James H., fish.....Maint. Zool. Dept.	9 00
Seymour, W. N. & Co., nails, pulleys, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	05
Sloane, W. & J., cocoa mats.....Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 75
Wootton, E. H., laying pavement.....Laying Walks, Central Park...	1,656 45
Young, Charles C., bread and crackers. Maint. Zool. Dept.	48 12
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	<u>\$10,480 17</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$3,690 77
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	597 99
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of.....	30 00
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	1,282 00
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	65 52
Laying Walks, Central Park.....	2,359 19
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	1,690 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.....	19 45
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1880.....	742 50
Construction of Bridges over Harlem river.....	2 75
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	<u>\$10,480 17</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand four hundred and eighty dollars and seventeen cents.

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 13, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Thomas L. Butler, work and materials. Special Fund, Re-	
pairing, Repav-	
ing, etc.....	\$50 00
	\$50 00
	\$50 00

Amounting to the sum of fifty dollars.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 WM. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 13, 1881.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Tinsley, J. G.—For appointment.

From John G. Tinsley, desiring to be employed as painter on Third Avenue Bridge.

Ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, at 12 o'clock M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1881.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The meeting was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (East),
December 15, 1881. }

To E. P. BARKER, Esq.,

Secretary Department Public Parks :

SIR—Please call a meeting of the Park Commissioners, to be held at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, the 17th instant, to consider and act upon the proposed appropriations for the ensuing year, the preparations for the accommodation of skaters, the projected buildings for the menagerie and other structures in the parks.

Respectfully,

CHAS. F. MACLEAN, } *Commissioners*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

A quorum not being present.

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1881.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner MacLean was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meetings of December 14 and 17 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Estimate of John Beattie.

From the Comptroller, relative to the amount of work charged in the final estimate in favor of John Beattie, contractor, for building piers and abutments for the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Referred to the Secretary to obtain the necessary information.

Sureties—Bridge over Bronx river.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the substitution of the names of Jno. J. Quinn and Michael Duff, in lieu of Stephen H. Turnbull and Geo. B. Morris, as sureties on the proposal of John Beattie for building an iron swing-bridge over the Bronx river.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks hereby consents to the substitution of the names of Jno. J. Quinn and Michael Duff, as sureties on the proposal of John Beattie for building an iron swing-bridge over the Bronx river, in lieu of Stephen H. Turnbull and Geo. B. Morris, the original sureties.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Comptroller—Description of real estate.

From the Comptroller, desiring to be furnished with a statement of the real estate in the possession and use of this Department.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish such statement.

Curling Club—Permission.

From the Grand National Curling Club, desiring permission to use the ice on the Conservatory Lake during the coming season for the purpose of curling.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said permission was granted.

Telephone and Telegraph Company—To erect poles.

From the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, desiring permission to erect several poles on the City Hall sidewalk of Chambers street.

Denied.

Vaux, Calvert—Relative to appointment.

From Calvert Vaux, in relation to his appointment as Superintending Architect.

Ordered filed.

Fire Department—Condition of Thomas avenue.

From the President of the Fire Department, in relation to improving Thomas avenue.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the completion of the work of improving Thomas avenue, south of the Kingsbridge road.

Ordered filed.

One Hundred and Forty-fourth street—Flagging, etc.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and specifications for flagging and setting curb and gutter stones in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Willis and St. Ann's avenues.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for flagging, etc., One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Willis and St. Ann's avenues, as this day presented by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Bridge over Mott Haven Canal.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the dangerous condition of the bridge over the Mott Haven Canal at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Southern Boulevard—Suspension of work.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the suspension of the work on the

Southern Boulevard for want of materials, and recommending the purchase of certain supplies for the steam road roller.

On motion, the suspension of the work on the Southern Boulevard was approved of. The recommendation for the purchase of materials and supplies was laid over.

Works in progress, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Sedgwick avenue—Suspensions.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of men and teams employed on Sedgwick avenue, and

Reporting the suspension of the work on Sedgwick avenue in consequence of the exhausted appropriation for maintaining said avenue.

Ordered filed.

Gannon, F. S., and others—Condition of Sedgwick avenue.

From F. S. Gannon, Rudolph Christ and others, relative to the work of improving Sedgwick avenue, and desiring to be allowed to complete the same at their own expense.

Ordered filed.

Mandamus—Matter of James W. O'Grady.

Copies of three orders of the New York Supreme Court directing this Department to transmit to the Comptroller the papers in the matter of the proposals of James W. O'Grady, were received.

Whereupon Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the contracts for constructing sewers and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth, One Hundred and Forty-fourth, and One Hundred and Forty-third streets,

between Third and Brook avenues, and in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, amounting to \$14,823.94 ; constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Third and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, and in Courtland avenue, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first street, amounting to \$6,424 ; and for constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Third avenue to the summit between Alexander and Willis avenues, with branches in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, amounting to \$2,286.25—be awarded to James W. O'Grady, he being the lowest bidder for said several works ; that the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved, that contracts be entered into with said James W. O'Grady for doing said several works, and that Commissioner Smith E. Lane be and he is hereby authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, with the following result :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

The CHAIRMAN decided said resolution adopted.

Commissioners LANE and WALES entered their protest against such ruling of the Chair.

Debate was had thereon.

Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Department with his opinion as to whether, when at a meeting duly convened, but three members of the Board are present, constituting a quorum, and all the members are voting, the votes of two members are sufficient to pass or defeat any resolution offered by a member.

Elephant—Purchase of.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting in relation to the purchase of an elephant.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That a respectful application be and is hereby made to the Board of Aldermen for the passage of a resolution authorizing this Department to purchase an elephant for the collection at the Central Park, in such manner as may be deemed most desirable.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Coal chutes—Post-office sidewalk.

From Julius Munckwitz, Architect, reporting upon the application of the Superintendent of Repairs of the U. S. Post-office and Court-house for permission to place coal chutes in the park sidewalk in front of the Post-office.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said permission was granted, the surface of the sidewalk to be left in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

Southern Boulevard—Suspensions.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting the suspension of the following persons employed on the Southern Boulevard :

Leonard Dietch, double team.

Samuel McKinley, “

John Kerrigan, laborer.

James Reilly, “

Michael Donohue, “

John Conklin, “

John Habner, “

Thomas Enright, “

Frank McCarthy, “

On motion, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Works in progress—Engineer of Construction, etc.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Flagging—Southern Boulevard.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to flagging stolen from the sidewalk on the north side of the Southern Boulevard.

Referred to the District Attorney, with the request that he bring the matter to the attention of the Grand Jury.

Lincoln avenue—Crosswalks.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and specifications for laying crosswalks in Lincoln avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, inclusive.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for laying crosswalks in Lincoln avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, inclusive, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Suspension of laborers on parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the suspension of the work of laying tar walks and recommending that

the services of the thirty laborers employed thereon be dispensed with.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be and he is hereby authorized to discharge thirty laborers from the roll of the Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Rielly, Hugh—Appointed laborer.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Hugh Rielly be and is hereby appointed a laborer on the parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

Plaster casts, etc.—Removal of.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom it was referred to report upon the removal of plaster casts, etc., from the old building at Mount St. Vincent to the Arsenal building, made a verbal report thereon.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the removal of such of the plaster casts and other articles from the old building at Mount St. Vincent to the Arsenal, as in the opinion of a Committee may be necessary, is hereby authorized, at an expense not exceeding \$100, and that the Chairman be authorized to add to the Committee heretofore appointed on that subject.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean—3.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioner Wales a member of said Committee.

Transfer—Police salaries.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) from the appropriation Police—For purchase of Uniforms and Supplies, 1881, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation Police—Salaries, 1881, which is insufficient.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, McLean—3.

On motion, at 12.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, Commissioner Olliffe was called to the chair.

Bridge over Harlem river, at Second avenue.

The regular order of business was suspended to allow Samuel E. Lyon, Counsel for the Suburban Rapid Transit Company; Joseph Pool, Counsel for the Second Avenue Railroad Company; and H. P. De Graaf and D. E. Sickles, Rapid Transit Commissioners, to appear and be heard in relation to the application now before the Board for permission to erect a railroad bridge across the Harlem river, at or near Second avenue. Mr. Pool presented a communication signed Wm. S. Thorn, President of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, in relation to the rights of said company, under chapter 373 of the Laws of 1855, to construct bridges over the Harlem and Bronx rivers.

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 11th instant, at 9.30 A. M., at which

time a final hearing will be given to all parties concerned and interested in the application now before this Board for the construction of a railway bridge across the Harlem river, at Second avenue, and that notice be given in the *City Record* requesting all such parties to appear.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Claim of Geo. F. Fielding.

From the Comptroller, desiring information in relation to the claim of Geo. F. Fielding for damages for injuries received at the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

The desired information having been furnished, said communication was ordered filed.

Museum of Natural History—Trustees—Improvement of Manhattan Square.

From M. K. Jesup, R. L. Stuart, Robert Colgate, and others, Trustees of American Museum of Natural History, expressing their approval of the progress made with the work of improving Manhattan Square.

Ordered filed.

Manhattan Railway Co.—To make repairs at Battery.

From F. K. Hain, General Manager Manhattan Railway Co., desiring permission to place four wooden horses or trestles on the Battery Park, and the privilege of rolling iron plates from the street to the various iron girders of their structures during repairs to the same.

Ordered filed.

Everard, James—Relative to his contract.

From James Everard, contractor for constructing two road-

ways in the Central Park, in relation to the commencement of work on said contract.

Ordered filed.

Vanderbilt avenue—Improvement of.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following preamble and resolution, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Whereas, Vanderbilt or Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh streets, is, during the greater portion of the year, in such a muddy and disagreeable condition as to cause great inconvenience and annoyance to the large number of persons who are obliged to use the same either for business purposes or in going to and from the Tremont depot of the New York and Harlem Railroad; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested to repair, with broken stone, the roadway of said Vanderbilt avenue, between said One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh streets, in the same manner as is now being done in One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, and that they be further requested to lay a crosswalk in said avenue, between said streets, from a point near the post-office to the gate on the easterly side of the Tremont station of the New York and Harlem Railroad.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to examine and report upon.

Transfer to Police Salaries.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$1,600 from the appropriation for police uniforms, etc., for 1881, to the appropriation for police salaries, 1881.

Ordered filed.

Art Museum—Police Detail.

From L. P. di Cesnola, in relation to opening the Metropolitan Museum of Art to the public on Christmas day, and desiring that four policemen be detailed thereto.

Ordered filed.

Diller, F. X.—To furnish Music.

From F. X. Diller, director of Grafulla's band, offering to furnish music to the Department for the coming season.

Ordered filed.

One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street regulating—Overtime of Inspector.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting the completion of the work on the contract for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue, and inclosing a copy of a communication from the contractor, asking that the penalty for overtime be remitted, and the time for the completion of said contract extended.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That George W. Gaffney, Inspector on the work of regulating, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, be and he is hereby discharged from the employ of the Department.

Elton avenue--Flagging.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and specifications for flagging and setting curb and gutter in Elton avenue, from Third avenue to Washington avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for flagging and setting curb and gutter in Elton avenue, from Third avenue to Washington avenue, as this day submitted by the Acting Engineer of Construction, be approved and ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert advertisement in the *City Record* inviting proposals for doing said work.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The following communications were received :

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Flagging Southern Boulevard.

1st. In relation to the flagging stolen from the Southern Boulevard. The Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was directed to confer with the District Attorney in relation to the same.

Halleck, Adam ; Cuskeley, Cornelius—Overtime.

2d. Presenting bills of Adam Halleck, amounting to \$25.56, and Cornelius Cuskeley, amounting to \$22.56, laborers, for extra time made on the Southern Boulevard.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Kelly, Ed.—Suspension.

3d. Reporting the suspension of Ed. Kelly, mason.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Southern Boulevard—Suspensions.

4th. Reporting the suspension of the force working on the Southern Boulevard, as follows :

John J. Clark, foreman.

Wm. McCarthy, double team.

Charles Wehman, laborer.

Joseph Frederick, “

Cornelius Cuskeley, “

Adam Halleck, “

John Sullivan, “

Bernard Downey, “

Guy Wiggins, “

On motion, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Suspension during stormy weather.

5th. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during the stormy weather.

Approved.

Works in progress—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

6th. Reporting the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspension of laborers—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

7th. Reporting the suspension of Geo. J. Hill, Jno. Prentice, Robert Campbell, James Prior, and Owen Trainor, laborers.

On motion, the action of the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was approved.

Glynn, James—Restoration.

8th. Reporting the restoration of James Glynn, double team, on Sedgwick avenue, and asking that his action be approved, and that said James Glynn be allowed pay from December 30, 1881.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the restoration of James Glynn, double team, be approved, to date from December 30, 1881, and that he be paid for such time from the respective appropriations for 1881 and 1882.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Superintendent of Parks—Condition of parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting upon the condition of the parks, the planting and works necessary to be done.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, said report was laid over and ordered printed as a document of the Board (see Doc. No. 90).

Madison Avenue Bridge—Estimate.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting relative to the increased quantities allowed in the Final Estimate in favor of John Beattie, the contractor for building the piers and abutments for the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Referred to the Secretary to transmit to the Comptroller.

O'Grady, James—Mandamus.

From Bagley & Thain, attorneys for James W. O'Grady in relation to the order of the Supreme Court.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Whereas, By three several orders of the Supreme Court, dated December 12, 1881, this Department is directed to transmit to the Comptroller of the city the necessary papers to enable the Comptroller to take action upon the sufficiency of the sureties presented by James W. O'Grady for the construction of three several sewers ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the contracts for constructing sewers and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth, One Hundred and Forty-fourth, and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, between Third and Brook avenues, and in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, amounting to \$14,823.94 ; constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Third and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, and in Courtland avenue, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first street, amounting to \$6,424 ; and for constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, from Third avenue to the summit between Alexander and Willis avenues, with branches in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, amounting to \$2,286.25, be awarded to James W. O'Grady, he being the

lowest bidder for said several works; that the proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved, that contracts be entered into with said James W. O'Grady for doing said several works, and that Commissioner Smith E. Lane be and he is hereby authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department of Public Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

Lenney, William—Laborer.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that William Lenney, assistant on tar walks, be placed at work as laborer on the maintenance force until such time as the laying of tar walks shall again require his services.

Commissioner LANE moved that William Lenney be and he is hereby discharged from the employ of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks be approved, and that William Lenney be appointed a laborer.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Bronx river bridges—Approaches.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, presenting plans and reporting relative to the condition of the approaches to the bridges over the Bronx river and the necessity of repairing the existing iron bridge over the Bronx river at West Farms.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean to report.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aguirre, A. A. , lettering maps.....	Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A., 1880.....		\$21 88
Am. Dist. Tel. Co. , rent and services.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		22 52
Benoit, A. V. , thermometer.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		1 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald , coal.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint., 1881....		11 00
Cohu, A. B. & Co. , bull rings.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		4 50
Early & Lane , mop sticks.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$3 06	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps. Impt. and Maint., 1881....	44	3 50
Fox, Geo. & Son , boiler and fittings....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		375 00
Harlem Gas-light Co. , gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		29 02
Healy, John B. , filling, etc.....	Filling and Fencing Sunken Lots, N.E. cor. Fulton ave. and 168th st.....		499 89

McClave, E. W. & Co., lumber.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Rep., Imp. and Maint., 1881....		\$224 76
McClave, E. W. & Co., flooring, etc...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$706 35	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Rep., Imp. and Maint., 1881....		21 96
			<hr/> 728 31
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., hose bibb..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		5 60
Manchester & Philbrick, cement.....	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc., 1881.		17 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$110 56	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Imp. and Maint., 1881....		64 06
			<hr/> 174 62
Mutual Dist. Messenger Co., services..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		36 59
Murray, B. C., repairs to receiving basins	Sewer 141st st., from 3d ave. to Alexander ave., and branches...		5 00
Murphy & Nesbit, lime.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881 .		135 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		8 08
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., neats-foot oil...	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881....		1 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, oils, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		198 98
Seaman, John A., waste.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt., and Maint., 1881 ...		6 00
Smith, Joseph, ladders.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt., and Maint., 1881....		43 60
Schoonmaker, S.A., paints, brushes, etc.	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint., 1881. ...		445 38

Schoonmaker, S. A., paints, oils, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.	\$201 55
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.	10 90
		\$212 45
White, Chas. W., spruce plank.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.	176 00
Wright, R. J., corn, oats, etc.	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.	329 55
		\$3,716 73

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.	\$2,009 31
Maintenance Zoological Department.	344 95
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance.	817 20
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.	1 00
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, 1880	21 88
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.	17 50
Sewer 141st street, from Third avenue to Alexander ave- nue, etc.	5 00
Filling and Fencing Sunken Lots, northeast corner Fulton avenue and 168th street.	499 89
	\$3,716 73

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-seven hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy-three cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 4, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Benoit, A. V., tapes	Surveys, Maps and Plans	\$10 00
Bouton & Smith, bolts, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	18 80
Colgate & Co., laundry soap	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$5 80
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.	37
		<hr/> 6 17
Draper, Daniel, sundries	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	24 93
Hazard Powder Co., powder	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of	3 40
Halsey, Geo. W., oats, hay, etc.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	66 74
Holbrook Brothers, glass	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	34 80
Hotaling, D., flagging	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of	9 50
Howell, A. J., telford stone	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of	345 00
Howell, A. J., telford stone	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of	920 00
Kelly & Jones, radiator, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	69 91
McClave, E. W., & Co., spruce timber	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	45 00
McClave, E. W., & Co., oak stakes	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 23d and 24th Wards	36 38
Manning, John W., mould	ManhattanSquare, Impt. of	675 00
Manning, John W., mould	ManhattanSquare, Impt. of	450 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	95 40
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	101 24

Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron rings	Laying Walks, City Parks and Places	\$109 20
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, road box	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of	7 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, basin covers, etc.	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc.	74 52
Moffat, David & Co., leather	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	18 85
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	43 87
Otis and Gorsline, vitrified pipe	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc.	100 00
Oastler, Wm. C., hire of steam roller	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of	\$171 43
	Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maint. of	28 57
		<hr/> 200 00
Reiche, Charles & Bro., mocking bird food	Maint. Zool. Dept.	12 00
Seaman, John A., blocks, etc.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	4 96
Seaman, John A., blocks, ropes, etc.	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M.	63 70
Seymour, W. N. & Co., scoops	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	77 77
Seymour, W. N. & Co., files	Harlem R. Bdgs., Rep., I. and M.	12 69
Smith, J. Finley, brushes	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	20 15
Wright, R. J., corn, oats, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	670 60
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$1,227 12
Manhattan Square, Improvement of	1,125 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance	76 76
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of, etc.	28 57

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	\$66 74	
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	1,456 83	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	16 96	
Laying Walks, City Parks and Places.....	109 20	
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc.....	174 52	
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 23d and 24th Wards.....	46 68	
		\$4,328 38

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, December 20, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements. Labor, Maint. and		
Supplies, 1881..	\$101 66	
Maint. Zool. Dept.		
1881.....	5 03	
Maint. 23d and		
24th Wards,		
1881.....	17 64	
Morningside Park,		
Impts. of.....	4 10	
		\$128 43

Lane, Smith E., personal expenses	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881	\$150 00
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 3	Regulating, Grad- ing, etc., 158th street, from 3d avenue to R. R. avenue	1,730 40
		\$2,008 83

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$251 66
Maintenance Zoological Department	5 03
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	17 64
Morningside Park, Improvement of	4 10
Regulating, Grading, etc., 158th street, from Third avenue to R. R. avenue	1,730 40
	\$2,008 83

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and eight dollars and eighty-three cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 4, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Fischer, W. L., petty expenses	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$14 95
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Amounting to the sum of fourteen dollars and ninety-five cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 4, 1882.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Skating—Report relative to rules.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred for examination and report the application for permission to hire skates, the protest against the use of ice chairs and playing of games on the ice, made a verbal report recommending that the use of ice chairs be prohibited, that the playing of tag and other rough games be prohibited, and that fancy skating be permitted under proper restrictions.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said recommendations were approved of, and Commissioner Lane was authorized to revise, amend, and correct the skating rules.

Braun, August—To hire skates.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to August Braun to hire skates on the ice at Central Park, he to pay five per cent. upon his gross receipts as a license fee.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Police force—Qualification of applicants.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That no person shall be appointed, hereafter, to

the police force of this Department without the presentation by the applicant of a certificate that he has passed, successfully, the final examination of the fourth grade of a grammar school in the City of New York, or a certificate from a principal of a grammar school in this city, that the applicant has successfully passed an equivalent examination before such principal and such public school teachers as he may have associated with himself.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Legislative bills.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to procure a complete file of the Senate and Assembly bills, as ordered printed by the Legislature of 1882, at an expense not exceeding \$50.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Intersections of Third avenue—Plans, etc., to be prepared.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans, contracts, and specifications for grading, relaying flagging, and doing the necessary work on the intersections of the streets on the line of Third avenue, between the points where the said avenue was regraded, and submit the same to this Board for approval.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

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tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Godwin, Bryant—Appointed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Bryant Godwin be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Engineer, under the Acting Engineer of Construction, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion, at 1.50 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

DOCUMENT No. 90.

BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.

JANUARY 4, 1882.

Ordered, That the report of the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the condition of the parks, be laid over and printed as a document of the Board.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, }
January 3, 1882. }

Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—It appears to me proper, before commencing a new year upon new appropriations, to give an account of my stewardship since undertaking the duties of Superintendent of Parks on the 13th of August last.

It is only just to remind you that on entering upon my duties I found the service of the Department disorganized, nor was this from the want of skill or materials, but rather from the want of proper direction. The whole force seemed to be in confusion, no one knowing what to do, although, at the same time, knowing what was wanted to be done.

It seemed to be my first duty to acquaint myself with all the parks, so as to form an opinion of their requirements, and to organize the several branches in the most systematic manner, according to the facilities which were at my disposal.

The artificer's work of the Department consisted almost altogether in repairs of rolling stock, bridges, and buildings, with the exception of painting, which, besides painting all repaired work, consisted in repainting nearly all the settees in the several parks, the cleaning off the rust, and painting the iron railings of all the small city parks. The latter had been neglected to such a degree, that in many instances the rust had eaten almost through the railings, which gave much additional work, occupying much more time than was contemplated at first.

COTTAGES IN THE PARKS.

The cottages in Tompkins, Washington, Madison, and Union Square Parks needed conveniences which had been neglected in their designing and erection. These have been now added to them, to the better satisfaction of employees and the public.

WALKS IN PARKS.

The Union Square Park walks have been all laid by Mr. Wootton, with Trinidad asphalt, and 11,957 square feet of Schillinger pavement have been renewed in Madison Square Park, putting the walks of those parks in thorough order.

PARK TAR WALKS.

The Mall walks have been completed, and the grass borders graded and laid even with the same. The whole of the walks of the first division have been laid with tar walks and repaired, with the exception of the walk above the Arsenal, on the Fifth avenue side to the Seventy-second street entrance, and the upper end of the west side walk, leading to Seventy-second street and Eighth avenue entrance.

Crossings have also been formed of tar pavement on Terrace Bridge and at the Fifth avenue and Sixtieth street entrance, including the walks of the Circle.

Tar walks have also been laid in the Ramble, from the Bow Bridge to hill, and around summer-house, and alongside of lake.

Gravel has been laid over 4,000 yards of the drives in the several divisions, besides general repairs of other parts. Preparations have also been made for promptly repairing the winter's damage to the drives in the early spring, thus avoiding the customary delay in putting them in condition until summer.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

The Riverside Drive and walks have been weeded and the grass borders trimmed, from Seventy-second to One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street. In addition to this much repairing has been done to the sewer basins, gutters, and the sunken sidewalks, caused by the washing of the gravel through loose bottom. Only five men are employed now in keeping the drive, gutters, etc., in order. The gravel walks are continually

washed away after rain, and according to the present construction of the road, will always require repairs.

I have heretofore reported upon the bad construction, poor conception, and planning of this drive, which will demand constant outlay until reconstructed.

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that there are along the whole length of the drive only two landing places for vessels, namely, at Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets. The crossings of the streets to these landings are necessarily in bad condition. In view of the increasing traffic on these streets from the landings, which the building of the west side will demand, and especially if the outlets for the water are not enlarged, these crossings will become more and more unavailable for the drives. The only way to obviate this difficulty is to carry the drives on bridges over the streets. The present grades are very advantageous for that purpose, and it would make the drives more level as well as independent of the obstructive traffic of the cross-roads.

PRUNING OF TREES AND SHRUBBERY AND CLEARING AWAY THE UNDERBRUSH.

In my report of October 26, I spoke of the progress made in "clearing out underbrush, cutting deadwood and pruning shrubs and trees, relieving them from suckers and all other detriments to their growth and vigor, and clearing the park of filth and malaria beds, which, if allowed to go unheeded and to increase, would, in a short time, endanger the city as to its healthfulness."

I beg to state that this work has been continued with all the facilities at my disposal, and shall continue to carry on this very necessary work with all the energy that circumstances will allow.

This work, which had been so much neglected, will preserve and invigorate the most precious trees and shrubbery in the park, which were heretofore stifled by weeds and undergrowth.

It will at the same time improve the landscape and add to the general appearance of the park.

As regards the purpose of such work, there should be, in my opinion, much done of a wider scope than I have yet undertaken, for I have not ventured to cut down a single live tree.

This work is being done by division gardeners, who have been for many years in the employ of the Department, and who are acquainted with the different trees and shrubbery so as to enable them by experience to perform their work intelligently with a view of improvement of the plants and their appearance in spring and summer, as embellishments in the landscape. The views which I entertain I have already reported to the Board, and stated orally to the individual Commissioners.

These views I have recently found so strikingly supported in the authoritative book of W. Robinson, F. L. S., on the Parks and Gardens of Paris, that I will here cite certain criticisms from this work.

BOIS DE BOULOGNE.

“From a landscape gardening point of view, the greatest drawback of the Bois is its want of breadth. Except for the roads and avenues that intersect it, it is, speaking generally, a mass of dense monotonous wood. There is no open airy space of any extent (except broad roads) for a long distance from the gate nearest Paris.

“This, of course, is stupid in a park of such vast extent. Even if effect were not taken into consideration, it must, nevertheless, be remembered that the result of such dense masses of low wood is to prevent that motion of the air which is so desirable in a great park.”

PAGE 16.—“Many of the trees of Europe and America would attain their full stature and dignity here if not crammed together in a way the engineers seem to have decided that trees should grow. More noticeable still is the condition of the trees in the wood itself, generally. They look as if France

wished only to grow coppice-wood for barrel-hoops in this favorite park! Monotony reigns along the main drives from this cause. There is nothing to be seen but illimitable and impenetrable forests of sticks and brambles. Why allow the trees to crowd each other to death or starvation? Thousands of acacias and oaks are struggling for bare life, while by thinning them out, those left would form noble trees in good time. Where a wood of pines breaks the monotony, it looks like a deserted nursery—the trees as close together as a plantation of saplings, and never thinned! These woods ought not only to be properly thinned, but spaces cleared to give breadth and to relieve the eye.”

OPEN LAWNS, PAGE 56.

“It should have open lawns, if only to let people see the beauty of the many treasures of the garden at varying distances, though there are many other reasons.”

KEW, PAGE 72.

“Kew, for example, in some respects superior to any botanic garden or botanical establishment in the world, is in point of design no higher than a chessboard. That breadth, *i. e.*, an open spread of lawn here and there, is the most essential principle in garden design, one would think known to anybody arranging or planting a public garden or park. Without this we cannot get anything but a confused effect—we cannot see the beauty and dignity of our rich arboreal flora—without this we may have a thousand kinds of noble trees, and yet a little better effect than in an unthinned plantation. It is, in fact, as impossible to make a really beautiful garden or park without open turf lawns as it is to make a lake without water. At Kew, both in general design and in the arrangement of details, this principle is completely ignored, and the good old one adopted of putting in a tree wherever there is room for it.”

THE LUXEMBOURG GARDEN, PAGE 92.

“The curiously bad system of planting young trees beneath the old ones, mentioned and illustrated in connection with the Tuileries gardens, may also be seen here, the general tree mismanagement resulting in overcrowded trees, without natural dignity or size.”

THE BOIS DE VINCENNES, PAGE 102.

“Here, as in the Bois De Boulogne, the plantations are far too dense, and the trees starved for want of space.”

TREE CULTURE—WOODS.

Tree culture in America, as a science, belongs to the future, and it is only now, when the natural forests of the country are diminishing, that the future wants of the country in this respect are begun to be thought of, and the European system of planting and cultivating woods are being studied.

The woods of Central Park have shared the past usage of the country in this respect, and not only have they been allowed to struggle with each other for existence, but additions have been made to them for the only purpose, in all appearance, of giving a picturesque view to starvation. All the woods above the large reservoir are not even worthy of being called “coppice-wood for barrel-hoops,” from having been entirely neglected to be cleared off of underbrush, suckers, etc. I have seen coppice-wood of fifteen years' growth much more worthy of a park than these woods, which, in fact, without any desire to depreciate their real appearance, are only brakes and brushwood. It appears that those who have heretofore assumed the care of the park never considered that light and air are as necessary for the life of plants as they are for human life. The whole vegetation of the park has most lamentably suffered for the want of proper cultivation, and its appearance has suffered thereby in the same manner as an emaciated person indicates filth and starvation.

The idea that trees depend entirely on manure for their growth, as an excuse for letting their leaves rot under them with all other garbage that may gather around them, through which fallacy the woods of Central Park have suffered so much, is clearly refuted in an Analytical Essay on Manure, printed many years ago, by E. V. Gardner, Analytical Chemist, London, from which I make the following quotation :

“ With regard to ourselves we require elements of nutrition, and elements of respiration ; we cannot do with one without the other ; each is vitally important ; nor can either be dispensed with. So, likewise, is it with the vegetable world ; for they require different elements to fulfil different functions ; the lack of one of them immediately breaks the harmony of the whole. Plants are principally composed of carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, and nitrogen—with the exception of a few grains per cent., entirely so—and none of them are obtained from the soil, the office of the latter being to afford a supply of the inorganic constituents, the few grains per cent, to which we have alluded. Whence is derived the principal elements of plants ? From the atmosphere alone. Curious, nay, startling as it may appear, this fact is evidenced, not only by scientific experiment, but by direct observation.”

“ By removing a crop, we carry away from the soil as much of its quantity as is equal to the ashes of that crop, supposing it to be perfectly burnt.” “ It is the office of manure to supply the place of this loss which the land has endured.”

Leaves require a large space and a long time to compost, which, when fit for use, will cost at least one hundred dollars per ton. Their ashes are as valuable as their compost and much cheaper. It is true, that some plants feed greedily on leaf manure, but some of the best gardeners object to them in consequence of their tendency to create fungus.

Landscape is acceptably defined as “ a portion of land or territory which the eye can comprehend in a single view, including all the objects it contains,” and “ landscape gardening ” as “ the art of laying out grounds and arranging the shrubbery, etc., in such a manner as to produce the finest

and most pleasing effect." Accordingly, the shutting up of all views of land or territory from the view of the eye by the overgrowth of superfluous trees and shrubs is quite the reverse of their meaning, and does the double work that has been accomplished in Central Park of destroying its trees and its views at the same time.

A visit to the park will show that I have commenced the clearing away of underbrush and of pruning and cleaning the shrubbery. The work that has been done is only a modest beginning to what is necessary, but I hope that in time all that is absolutely necessary can be accomplished. I may say that there is very little room in Central Park, if any, for more planting, nor for the continuance of the habit "of putting in a tree wherever there is room for it." Much could be done by rearranging shrubs and forming flower-beds along the drives and walks, altering their designs every successive year. But according to Mr. Robinson's "Parks and Gardens of Paris," page 50, "The botanist should have no more to do with the cultivation or arrangements of living plants than the gardener has with the herbarium. Progress is sure some day to break up this unnatural subjection of the garden to the botanist, and the sooner the better. The botanist has his collections, and the wide earth in which to gather them; his is a beautiful and vast science, but is wholly apart from horticulture." The deadwood of Central Park is a living testimony to the truthfulness of the above, and it is high time to prevent its being made further a prey to nursery gardeners.

THE NURSERY.

The nursery has shared the same fate as the other parts of overgrowth, so that the roots of the trees intended for replanting have entangled one in the other in such a manner that they could not be separated without destroying them. It would appear that planting has been the sole object in view heretofore, without any care whatever for the preservation of the plants. In consequence of this, besides putting trees wherever room for them could be found, not twenty per cent.

of them in any year have been able to sustain life. Tompkins Square fully illustrates this want of care and preservation.

THE AGRICULTURE OF THE PARK.

The whole of the grass plots have been allowed to deteriorate in quality and become mossy and weedy. It appears that the north meadows have been plowed and that the seeds failed, and that they have been allowed to produce the weed natural to the ground. In view of economy, to save the expense of plowing them over again and putting them down to seed, I have, according to a former report recommending lime compost, and your allowing the same, formed a compost of ten years' accumulation of parings, garbage, etc., with lime, and the same is being spread over the meadows. I have no doubt of the desired effect of this work. The whole park, for several reasons, would be benefited by a good allowance of lime.

I learn, also, that the boarded condition of the ball grounds is owing to spreading over them the accumulations from the bottom of the lake at the time it was taken out. There could have been nothing worse done to these grounds than that, without composting the stuff taken out. It is intended, as the weather will permit, to have the sheep feed from racks on these grounds, and move them around so as to have the boarded soil well trampled and manured by them, in order to revive the grass.

DRAINAGE.

The old 4-inch drains are filled with roots of trees and fibres, and are broken and leaking more water than is consumed. New drains should be made of 6-inch vitrified drain pipe laid in cement, and the old drains abandoned, which would save more water from what is wasted than is needed for the use of the drives and irrigation.

CONSERVATORY AND PROPAGATING HOUSES.

To save repetition, I beg to call your attention to a former report with reference to these buildings and their appurtenances.

UTILITY.

It cannot be denied that the greatest defect of the parks, architecturally as well as the general designs of roads and paths, has been the want of utility. People are continually trespassing on the drives, because of the defect of the planning of the walks, either being at a loss to find a path by being left suddenly on a drive without an outlet in view, or following the necessity which knows no law, to meet their wants. A designer may imagine that the public may be persuaded to follow his ideas and be confined to them, because they appear pleasing to the eye in water-colors. But the practical experience of the public makes the imaginary plan impracticable, and a glance at the park will show the necessity of a reconstruction of the walks, which I beg to point out where most necessary.

WALKS.

A person entering the park at Ninety-sixth street and Fifth avenue, has to walk over half a mile before he can reach the walk on the bank of the reservoir, opposite.

Walking along the reservoir bank from the east to the west side, the pedestrian finds the walk leading to the west drive between Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets, but he has no means of reaching the west walk without trespassing on the drive after having become bewildered.

In the same manner a pedestrian on the west walk traveling northward or southward, having reached the hill opposite the same place, observes the reservoir with a walk along its bank with no place in view to reach it except by crossing over the grass plots, borders, and drive.

Many other places could be named of a like inconvenience to visitors to the park. For better facilities to pedestrians, and at the same time the prevention of trespassing, I beg to suggest the following additional walks :

1. One walk commencing at east drive south of bridge K, running southwest to connect with the walk around reservoir,

between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh streets, east side, which would be about 250 feet long.

2. A walk commencing at Ninetieth street, west, to connect walk west of drive with bank of reservoir. This walk would be about 125 feet long.

3. A walk running southwest from house on the hill to connect with a walk near Eighth avenue wall and One Hundred and Third street, about 250 feet long.

4. A walk opposite Ninety-sixth street, running from west drive to a walk east of said drive, about 100 feet long.

5. A walk opposite One Hundredth street, running from west drive to a walk that is east of drive, about 75 feet long.

Several other connections would be desirable, but these are the most requisite at present.

COMPLETION OF FIFTH AVENUE.

The progress made in building palatial residences on Fifth avenue demands attention to the completion of the park as well as the renovation of the grounds above Ninety-sixth street. In the same manner all the yards need to be hidden from public view by planting trees and evergreens between them and the walks and drives.

THE TERRACE.

I would also beg to call your attention to the abuse of one of the most prominent architectural features of Central Park—the Terrace, with the ornamental tile floor and ceiling underneath. The ornamental open space designed with great care, and the work so far executed (but unfinished) with great cost, has been turned into a restaurant in the summer and a storehouse in the winter. This use of it, which borders on vandalism, should certainly be discontinued; the boat house in front of it removed as an obstruction of the view to the lake; the work under the Terrace finished and a café built in a convenient but unobstructive place for visitors. It is of the utmost importance that the architecture and landscape of the park should be combined with utility.

Architecture and gardening, on a large scale, have been allied from the earliest times, proven by history. The Scriptures furnish evidences of the fact. The Persians, Babylonians, the Greeks and Romans associated gardening with architecture in the embellishment of their massive buildings. The hanging gardens of Babylon must have furnished grand examples of the blending of these arts. History furnishes evidences to the same effect from the earliest times, among different nations, to this day. The Welsh bards sang to the liberality of their princes and leaders, describing their halls, their park, with their deer, and their lakes, with their swans. We have heard lately of Kilmainham jail in connection with the troubles of Ireland, but we find a nursery connected with the priory of Kilmainham as early as 1338.

Inigo Jones, Sir Christopher Wren, and other eminent architects in England, connected the laying out gardens, on a large scale, with the designing of mansions.

With the hope that all the branches of this Department will be fostered in a manner worthy of their conception and purpose; for the purpose of inspiring jealous endeavor to that effect, I shall conclude in the words of Lord Napier in his lecture "On Architecture in India": "A feature of the Saracenic architecture, peculiarly attractive, is the sympathetic manner in which it associates itself with gardens and trees, and with all the forms of natural scenery. For parterres of the regular kind, the geometrical patterns peculiar to the style supply an exquisite frame-work, while the cypress and the plane, the types of aspiring and spreading vegetation, appear to have a sort of rythmical concord in the minaret and copula. It is not in the power of all to admire these harmonies beside the rushing torrent of the Bosphorus, or on the slopes of the Bythinian Olympus at Cairo, where the caliphs sleep between the city and the desert, or where the dust of Shah Jehan and Moumtaza Mahal rests under an incomparable canopy near the waters of the Jumma; but go to the fruit gardens of Seringapatam; go to the grove of tamarinds and palms beneath the rocks of Vellore, where the

funeral repose is accompanied by the muttered Koran and the murmur of waters from the well—there you will still feel how the voices of nature and art, of beauty and divinity and death, are blended by the Mussulman builders.”

Respectfully,

ANEURIN JONES,
Sup't of Parks.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1882.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner Olliffe in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN announced that in accordance with a resolution of the Board, adopted at the last meeting, and with notice duly published, the Board would give a final hearing to all persons interested in the application now before the Department for permission to erect a railroad bridge across the Harlem river, at or near Second avenue.

The following-named persons appeared :

Messrs. Samuel E. Lyon, Burton N. Harrison, Fordham Morris, S. R. Filley, B. G. Arnold, H. N. Camp, Lewis G. Morris, and Charles Bathgate appeared in behalf of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

Messrs. J. H. Platt, Joseph Pool, and T. F. Wentworth appeared in behalf of the Second Avenue Railroad Company.

Messrs. Daniel E. Sickles and H. P. De Graaf, Rapid Transit Commissioners.

Judge Angel, James L. Parshall, and S. S. Randall appeared on behalf of the Local Improvement Association, and presented plans for a bridge.

The CHAIRMAN presented remonstrances from property-owners on the line of Third and Lincoln avenues, against the proposed rapid transit route along the centre of said avenues.

Which were ordered filed.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the argument being closed, the Board would give the subject due consideration.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Appropriations.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of the appropriations made for the use of the Department during the year 1882, as follows :

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, Superintendent, and all employees of the Department, excepting Mechanics, Gardeners, Laborers, and their Foremen employed in the work of maintaining the Parks and Places; also excepting the Topographical Engineer and his Assistants in charge of Surveying, Monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in charge of Public Places, Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

President.....	\$5,000 00	
Clerks, etc.....	25,000 00	\$30,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captain, Surgeon, Sergeants, Patrolmen, Gatekeepers, Special Patrolmen, and Police Tailors.....	\$84,000 00	
For Purchase of Uniforms and Supplies.....	6,000 00	90,000 00
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies—For all supplies and for wages of Foremen, Gardeners, Mechanics, and Laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory.....		250,000 00

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Zoological Department—For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs of buildings used for that purpose.....	\$18,000 00
Maintenance of Museums—For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.	30,000 00
Music—Central Park and City Parks.....	6,000 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.....	30,000 00
Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :	
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Streets, Roads, and Avenues, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including supplies, salary of Superintendent, and wages of all persons employed on the work.....	60,000 00
Bronx River Bridges—For the Rebuilding, Repairing, and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx river, within the city limits.....	5,000 00
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Tax and Assessment Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For Surveying, Laying-out, and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the northerly end of Manhattan Island, north of the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work, and for making and completing maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	20,000 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	20,000 00
Walks—City Parks (other than Central Park)—For laying new and repairing old walks in the City Parks and Places.....	10,000 00
Sewers and Drains—For cleaning and repairing sewers and drains in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	7,500 00
Surveys, Maps, and Plans in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For making surveys and maps for the opening of streets and avenues for the use of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and for making preliminary surveys and plans not assessable, of projected sewers and drains, including rent of office for engineers; and for making maps for acquiring right of way for building drains.....	6,000 00
Rents—Department of Public Parks—To pay Rents of Offices, Stables, and Yards for the use of the Department, under agreements entered into by the Comptroller, by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	3,500 00
Third Avenue, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Intersections, Reflagging, etc.—For Reflagging, Curbing, etc., and putting in proper condition the intersections of streets on the line of Third avenue, between the Harlem river and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, by order of the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor, June 27, 1881.....	6,500 00
Water for Central Park—For the purpose of making tests and obtaining information for securing a better supply of water for irrigation and for the lakes in Central Park, including labor, material, and machinery.....	3,000 00
Central Park, Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets—For Repairs and Maintenance of Transverse Roads Nos. 1 and 3, at Sixty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.....	5,000 00

Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Central Park—Building at Mount St. Vincent—For repairing building in Central Park at the site known as Mount St. Vincent.....	\$6,500 00
Riverside Park and Avenue—For the improvement and maintenance of Riverside Park and Avenue.....	25,000 00
Entrances into Central Park on Eighth avenue at Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, Completion of (chapter 324, Laws of 1881).....	50,000 00
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Board of Health—Mill Brook.

From the Board of Health, transmitting a copy of a report in relation to the condition of Mill Brook, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Streets in 23d and 24th Wards—Designation.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following resolution, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Resolved, That on and after the first day of January, 1882, the prefix "West" be added to the names of all streets in the City of New York having numerical designations and situated north of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and west of the Harlem river, and that the prefix "East" be added to the names of all streets in said city having numerical designations and situated north of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and east of the Harlem river.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby directed to carry out the provisions of the foregoing resolution within their respective jurisdictions.

Ordered filed.

Employees—List for *City Record*.

From the Supervisor of the *City Record*, desiring to be furnished with a list of subordinates, etc., in this Department, as required by section 111, chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

Referred to the Secretary to furnish the same.

Lyon, Edward—Improvement of One Hundred and Forty-first street.

From Edward Lyon, in relation to improving Division avenue (One Hundred and Forty-first street).

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Beattie, John—Work suspended.

From A. P. Boller, inclosing a copy of a letter sent by him to John Beattie, contractor, for building a swing-bridge over the Bronx river, at West Farms, notifying him not to proceed with the work of excavation and masonry under said contract until further orders.

Approved and ordered filed.

Snow, J. J.—For renewal of license.

From Joseph J. Snow, applying for a renewal of his license for pony service in the Central Park.

Laid over.

Hesser, Prof.—Claim for pay of lands.

From Professor J. Z. K. M. Hesser, relative to his claim for land taken for the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Engineer—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Mehlers, Henry—For increase of pay.

From Henry Mehlers, draughtsman, asking for an increase of compensation.

Ordered filed.

The Mayor—Thomas Cavanagh for employment.

From the Mayor, transmitting a letter from Mrs. Brown, recommending Thomas Cavanagh for appointment.

Ordered filed.

Department Public Works—Receiving basin—Christopher and Grove streets.

From the Engineer in charge of sewers of the Department of Public Works, relative to the pavement around a receiving basin on sidewalk at the junction of Christopher and Grove streets.

From the Architect of the Department, relative to damage done the sidewalk at said point in making alterations to receiving basin.

Ordered filed.

Carr, James—To restore.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the restoration of James Carr, laborer.

Ordered filed.

Ladies' maids—Transfer.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to transferring Ellen Donnelly and Ann Farrell, ladies' maids.

Ordered filed.

Vanderbilt avenue—Repairs to.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the necessary repairs to be made to Vanderbilt avenue.

Ordered filed.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Timber in approaches.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to the timber required under the contract for constructing the approaches to the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Ordered filed.

Murray, B. C.—Report on overtime.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the subject of allowing B. C. Murray, the contractor, for excess of inspection of eleven days, at \$4 per day, on the work of regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, presented a report in favor of said allowance and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an extension of time of eleven days be granted to Bernard C. Murray, contractor for regulating and

grading One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third to Railroad avenue, in excess of the time mentioned in the contract.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881...	\$55 00
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	653 95
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	707 15
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	576 05
Bouton & Smith, bolts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	80 97
Cohu, A. B., & Co., grass seed, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	17 64
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	Sedgwick Avenue, Maint. of, 1881.	4 65
Harrison, T., roofing.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	38 00
Jones, N. F., Estimate No. 3.....	Bronx River Bdgs., 1881	1,334 67
Knapp, A. & W., hemlock boards.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881...	35 15
Lynch, Edw. N., Estimate No. 1.....	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards, 1881	1,645 00

McQuade, John, Estimate No. 2.....	Const. Bdgs. over H. R.....		\$3,556 00
McClave, Edw. & Co., spruce plank...	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc., 1881.....		45 38
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$481 42	
	Maint. Zool. Dept. 1881.....	11 00	
	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of, 1881..	88	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881...	2 45	
			495 75
Manning, John, mould.....	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of, 1881.		675 00
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mus.			
Natural History.....	Maint. Museums, 1881.....		284 70
Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881....	\$10 50	
	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc., 1881.....	4 70	
	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of, 1881.....	8 40	
			23 60
New York Roofing Company, roofing matts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		19 20
Pratt, Charles & Co., astral oil.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881...		9 14
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., dryer, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		16 75
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums, 1881.....		178 52
Seymour, W. N. & Co., nails.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		49 99
Seymour, W. N. & Co., sand-paper...	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881...		9 96

Schillinger, John J., pavement.....	Laying Walks, City Parks, etc., 1881.....		\$400 00
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1881.....	\$29 75	
	Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A., 1881.....	44 10	
	Surveys, Maps and Plans, 23d & 24th Wards, 1881.....	8 08	
	Bronx River Bdgs. . 1881.....	1 82	
			<hr/> 83 75
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Const. Bridges over H. R.....		2 61
White, Chas. W., plank, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$140 00	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881...	20 00	
			<hr/> 160 00
Wright, R. J., straw.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.		27 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$11,185 68

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$2,808 22
Maintenance—Zoological Department.....	11 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	675 88
Maintenance Museums, 1881.....	463 22
Laying Walks, City Parks and Places, 1881.....	400 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance, 1881.....	87 41
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	54 79
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of, 1881.....	4 65
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of, 1881..	1,645 00
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of, 1881.....	8 40

Bronx River Bridges, 1881.....	\$1,336 49
Sewer and Drains, Cleaning of, etc., 1881.....	50 08
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 23d and 24th Wards, 1881. . .	8 08
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1881... .	29 75
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Department of Taxes and Assessments, 1881.....	44 10
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	3,558 61
	————— \$11,185 68

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars and sixty-eight cents.

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 11, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

Requisitions—Commissioners to approve.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That until the further order of the Board, either one of the Commissioners be and is hereby invested with power to approve of requisitions for supplies and to sign permits issued by the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Superintending Gardener to do landscape work.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That hereafter all work affecting the landscape of the Central and City Parks shall be done under the immediate supervision and direction of the Superintending Gardener.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

Olmsted, F. L.—To report.

Resolved, I. That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, be requested to direct the work on the trees, plants, shrubbery, lawns, and grass, and to make a report thereon, with his recommendations. That his compensation be fixed at three thousand dollars per annum.

II. That the superintendence and performance of the work on the trees, plants, shrubbery, lawns, and grass be taken from the Superintendent of Parks and committed to the Superintending Gardener.

III. That in accordance with the request of Mr. Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect, he may be relieved from giving his time to the Department.

Debate was had thereon, pending which the Board

Adjourned.

E. P BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, Commissioner Lane was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Museum Natural History—Examination of Arsenal.

From M. K. Jesup, President American Museum of Natural History, requesting an examination of the flooring of the upper story of the Arsenal building, and in relation to the removing of the skeleton of a whale from the ruins at Mount St. Vincent.

The subject of examining the flooring and beams of the Arsenal building was referred to the Architect to report upon,

Telephone Co.—Renewal of license.

From the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, inclosing for signature an agreement with the Department for the renewal of telephonic service.

Commissioner LANE moved that said agreement for a renewal of telephonic service be approved, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the same on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Telephone Company—Pole on Chambers street.

From the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, relative to their application for permission to erect poles on the park side of Chambers street.

Ordered filed.

Haight, S. S.—For leave of absence.

From S. S. Haight, Assistant Engineer, requesting a leave of absence for the 18th and 19th instant.

Ordered filed.

Mill Brook sewer, One Hundred and Forty-eighth street.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the communication from the Board of Health in relation to the condition of the former channel of Mill Brook, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, and recommending that the sewer in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street be extended westward to Courtland avenue, with branches in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets.

Referred back to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and specifications for doing said work.

Comptroller—Surety on O'Grady contracts.

From the Comptroller, relative to the proposition of James W. O'Grady to substitute Peter McGuinness as a surety on his proposals in lieu of John McQuade, one of the original sureties.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the application of J. W. O'Grady for the substitution of Peter McGuinness in lieu of John McQuade as surety on his proposals for building several sewers, was denied, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Comptroller of such action, and return to him the proposals of Mr. O'Grady.

Engineer of Construction—Work in progress.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Work in progress.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

1st. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspensions.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspensions of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Suspensions.

3d. Reporting the suspension of the following men and teams, to reduce the working force :

John McLaren, foreman.

Michael Crotty, double team.

John Finn, “

Jeremiah Healy, “

James Glynn, “

John Kenney, laborer.
 John Morgan, “
 E. B. Miller, “
 Wm. Chapman, “
 Patrick Weldon, “
 Patrick Burns, “
 Michael Kavanagh, laborer.
 John McIlumm, “
 William Dorin, “
 James McManus, “
 Thomas Holahan, “
 William Young, “
 Jeremiah Cronin, “
 Arthur Gough, “

Approved.

Manhattan Square—Mason.

From the Architect, recommending the employment of a mason on Manhattan Square.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881 .	\$278 80
Casey, James, boat.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Rep., I. and M. 1881.....	16 00
Coffin, Paul C., wheelbarrows.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of, 1881.	36 00
Gilmour, Robert M., felting.....	Southern Boul., Maint. of, 1881.	8 00

Harlem Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$32 17
Hawley, James C., petty disbursements	Labor Maint. and Supplies, 1881.	17 30
Littauer, N., gloves	Police Uniforms, etc., 1881.....	133 34
McKesson and Robbins, camphor.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.	1 40
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$137 50
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	121 00
	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881.	16 50
	<hr/>	275 00
McNab and Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.	18 56
Manhattan Gas-light Co. gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	29 47
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	102 60
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.	\$178 40
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	14 00
	<hr/>	193 40
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	8 19
Murray, B. C., payment on accept.....	Regulating, grad- ing, paving, etc., 158th st., from 3d ave. to Rail- road ave	2,047 52
Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1881	\$15 65
	Southern Boule- vard, Maint. of, 1881.....	2 27
	Sewers & Drains, cleaning, etc., 1881.....	9 55
	<hr/>	27 47

Murphy & Nesbit, lime.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881	\$150 00	
Nathans, J. J., antelopes.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		725 00
N. Y. Coal Tar Chemical Co., coal oil, etc.....	Laying Walks, Cen- tral Park, 1881.		318 70
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., gas ..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881...		55 35
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$10 43	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		70
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint, 1881....		2 10
			<hr/> 13 23
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., brushes and sand paper.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$3 50	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881....		11 50
			<hr/> 15 00
Remington, E. & Sons, type-writer....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881.		61 00
Stewart, A. T. & Co., blankets and ticking.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$1 90	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		11 40
			<hr/> 13 30
Seymour, W. N. & Co., screws and sash cord.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$52 83	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		1 69
			<hr/> 54 52
Wright, R. J., salt.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		4 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$4,634 32

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$1,139 40
Maintenance—Zoological Department, “	877 79
Laying Walks, Central Park, “	318 70
Manhattan Square, Improvement of, “	36 00
Police—Uniforms and Supplies, “	133 34
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance, 1881.....	29 60
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	15 65
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of, 1881.....	10 27
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881.....	16 50
Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc., 1881.....	9 55
Regulating, grading, etc., 158th street, from Third avenue to Railroad avenue.....	2,047 52
	\$4,634 32

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-six hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty-two cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,) *Auditing*
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 17, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Elevated R. R. on Battery.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the grass under the tracks of the Elevated Railroad Company on the Battery Park has been destroyed by the dropping of hot water, coals, ashes, etc., from the locomotives, and stating that it will be useless to attempt to restore it until the cause of its destruction is removed.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That the New York Elevated Railroad Company be and they are hereby directed to place drip-pans under their structures over the Battery Park, at such points where such pans are not already placed, and that they be requested to immediately proceed with the restoration of the turf where destroyed, the same to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, and without any prejudice to any existing proceedings for the removal of the structures of said New York Elevated Railroad Company from the Battery Park.

Quarterly report.

Commissioner OLLIFFE presented the report of the Department for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

On motion, the CHAIRMAN was authorized to sign said report and transmit it to the Mayor.

Bertholf, W. H.—Bridge-tender.

From William H. Bertholf, bridge-tender, presenting a statement showing the amount of money expended by him for assistance at the Central Bridge.

Ordered filed.

Vaccination.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Police Surgeon be directed to vaccinate all of the employees of the Department wishing to be vaccinated.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at 10.10 A. M., the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday next, 25th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1882.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner Lane in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Renewal of lease.

From the Comptroller, requesting that application be made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for any new leases of premises that may be required for the use and occupancy of the Department.

Referred to the Secretary to reply to.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street—Improvement.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested to cause the roadway of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, between Third and St. Ann's avenue, to be properly repaired with broken stone.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

St. Ann's avenue—Improvement of.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested to cause the roadway of St. Ann's avenue, between Westchester avenue and Third avenue, to be properly repaired with broken stone.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Gallaway, R. M.—Drip-pans on Battery.

From R. M. Gallaway, Vice-President Manhattan Railway Company, in relation to placing drip-pans under railroad structures across the Battery Park.

Ordered filed.

Goeller, George C.—Improvement 23d and 24th Wards.

From George C. Goeller, in relation to closing College avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, and the necessity for improvements in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Kelly, Charles F.—Resignation.

From Charles F. Kelly, resigning his position as Gate-keeper.

Accepted.

Grades around Park at Morrisania.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting, for filing, grade and monument maps, showing the parks at the junction of Sedgwick and Mott avenues and adjacent streets.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, under chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, establish, and classify those certain public squares, places or parks, and streets or avenues, or portions of the same, of the width, extent, direction, grade, and class as shown on a map or plan entitled "Plans and Profiles showing the Parks at

the intersections of Sedgwick avenue with Mott and Walton avenues, and portions of those streets and avenues bounding the same, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," "dated New York, August 1, 1881," the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good, and that Smith E. Lane, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file three copies of the said map in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Commissioner MacLean not voting.

Contract—Sewer, Third avenue—Completion of.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, inclosing final estimate and certificate of acceptance of the work under the contract with N. H. Decker, for constructing sewer in Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, said final estimate was referred to the Auditing Committee, and Wm. Bathgate, inspector on said work, was discharged.

Arsenal building—Beams and flooring.

From the Architect, reporting upon the condition of the flooring and the beams supporting the upper story of the Arsenal building.

Referred to the Secretary to communicate with the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History in relation to the same.

Bailey, Thos.—Permission to lay water-pipe.

From Thomas Bailey, desiring permission to lay a small iron pipe under the Spuyten Duyvil creek, and crossing the

road at Kingsbridge, for the purpose of furnishing a temporary supply of water to a residence on the premises of J. H. Godwin.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report upon.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Suspension.

1st. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Patrick Larkin—Suspension.

2d. Reporting the suspension of Patrick Larkin, laborer, for inefficiency.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Patrick Larkin was discharged.

Lynch, E. N.—For loan of roller.

From Edward N. Lynch, contractor for macadamizing Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, desiring the loan of a horse road-roller.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said application was granted.

Buildings on line of streets, 23d Ward.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to removing buildings standing on the line of streets in Twenty-third Ward, and to which title has recently been acquired.

Laid over.

Superintendent of Parks—Suspensions.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the suspension of thirty-five laborers and five carpenters.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to discharge thirty-five laborers and five carpenters and report the names of the persons so discharged to the Board at the next meeting.

Superintendent of Parks—Work necessary to be done.

From the Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement of the work necessary to be done in the Department.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, said communication was referred to a Special Committee to report upon.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioners Wales and Olliffe as such Committee.

Statement of money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the moneys deposited with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement of return of Moneys made to Comptroller January 11, 1882.

PERMITS.

1881.		
Dec. 19.	James S. Ives, sewer connection.....	\$10 00
20.	Mrs. A. E. Leaycraft, sewer connection	10 00
20.	Episcopal Church, sewer connection.....	10 00
28.	David Rousseau, sewer connection.....	10 00
1882.		
Jan. 4.	Wm. V. Modinger, sewer connection.....	10 00
10.	C. Speck, sewer connection.....	30 00
		\$80 00

LICENSES.

1882.		
Jan. 7.	Isidor Isaac, goat carriages.....	\$1 68
7.	Isidor Isaac, carrousel.....	6 10
9.	James J. Snow, donkey service	1 96
10.	John Lucas, pony service.....	2 25
10.	C. Ryan, refreshments Central Park.....	82 75
		94 74

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING.

1881.		
Dec. 28.	A. McLean.....	\$6 00
31.	D. Malone.....	4 00
		10 00
		\$184 74

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

Audit.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
18th January, 1882. }

To the Commissioners of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee report as follows on the bills of Charles A. Meyer for professional services as a veterinary surgeon, amounting to the sum of \$135.40.

That they be audited and allowed at the sum of ninety dollars, the said Meyer having consented to such reduction.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } Auditing
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } Committee.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

American Veterinary College, services and medicines	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$19 50
Meyer, Charles V. S., services and medicines	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	90 00
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		\$109 50
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$109 50	
	<hr/>	\$109 50
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and nine dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 24, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Ansonia Clock Co., clocks	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		\$30 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$10 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	1 50	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881....	50	
		<hr/>	12 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Surveys, Maps, & Plans, 1881....		22 50
Beck, Louis D., gravel	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		554 32
Beck, Louis D., gravel.....	Laying Walks, Central Park, 1881		629 97
Glacher, T. L., pamphlet boxes.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881		42 80
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881		24 45
Early & Lane, brooms.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$23 25	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	2 25	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint., 1881....	1 50	
		<hr/>	27 00

Harmer, Hays & Co., horse-brushes, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$40 69
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, services..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	50 00
Rohrey, John, harness repairs Maint., 23d & 24th Wards, 1881....	3 50
Seymour, W. N. & Co., pruning knives. Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	27 32
Seaman, John A., manila rope Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$24 80
Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	6 88
Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint, 1881....	5 12
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 36 80
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., bird seed ... Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881	11 25
Van Riper, Chas., repairs to stove.... Surveys, Maps, & Plans, 1881....	6 30
White, Chas. W., boards Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	70 00
Wootton, Edwin H., pavement..... Laying Walks, City Parks and Places, 1881 ...	8,736 35
Zechiel, L., robe..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881 .	75 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$10,400 25

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$905 38
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1881.....	89 13
Laying Walks, Central Park, 1881.....	629 97
Laying Walks, City Parks, 1881	8,736 35
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	3 50
Harlem River Bridges — Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance, 1881.....	7 12
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881.....	28 80
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$10,400 25

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand four hundred dollars and twenty-five cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 24, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Vaux & Co.—To appoint.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Vaux & Co. be and they are hereby appointed Landscape Architects advisory to this Department, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, and that the appointment heretofore made of Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect, be and hereby is rescinded.

Laid over.

23d and 24th Wards—Improvement of.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to prepare and submit to this Board a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the streets, roads, and avenues in the annexed district, with the view to an equitable distribution of the appropriation in accordance with the relative valuation and taxation of the different localities.

Railroad avenue—Opening of.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution, offered by him at a meeting held November 16, 1881 :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and

Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title to Railroad avenue, east, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, wherever the title to the same has not been heretofore acquired; and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

Laid over.

Williamsbridge—Temporary approach.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following:

Resolved, That the matter of erecting a temporary approach to the bridge over the Bronx river at Williamsbridge be referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power; said work to be done at an expense not exceeding \$250.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 11.20 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, Commissioner Wales was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Goeller, Geo. C.—Trees on Third avenue.

From Geo. C. Goeller, in relation to trees standing in the centre of the sidewalk on Third avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe to report upon.

Dick, Thos. S.—Boat license.

From Thomas S. Dick, applying for a renewal of his license for boat service on the lake in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe to report upon.

Division avenue—Improvement of.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting upon a communication from Edward Lyon in relation to improving Division avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the action of Edward Lyon in the improvement of Division avenue be approved, and that the work be done under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

23d and 24th Wards—Reports of Acting Superintendent.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

1st. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Ordered filed.

3d. In relation to repairing St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street with broken stone.

Ordered filed.

Superintendent of Parks—List of suspensions.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the last meeting, the names of thirty-five laborers and five carpenters discharged.

Ordered filed.

Bailey, Thos.—Application to lay water-pipe.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the application of Thomas Bailey to lay a water-pipe under Spuyten Duyvil creek and Broadway, at Kingsbridge.

Ordered filed.

Overtime—Superintendent of Parks, to employ.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the employees of the Department be allowed to work overtime, when necessary, on the drives in the Central Park.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to employ the men at work upon the drives in the Central Park, overtime, when, in his judgment, such services are necessary, and are for the best interest of the work, and report his action to the Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Arsenal—Collection on upper story.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom was referred the communication from Morris K. Jesup, President of the American Museum of Natural History, relative to using the upper part of the Arsenal building for the purpose of exhibiting a botanical and geological collection, and making certain cabinets and conveniences in the attic story of the new building, without expense to the Department, made a verbal report, recommending that the desired permission be granted.

Which was approved, and the said permission ordered granted.

James, D. Willis—Proceedings at presentation of James fountain.

Commissioner LANE, on behalf of D. Willis James, presented to the Board a copy of the proceedings had at the presentation of the James fountain, at Union Square, October 25, 1881.

Which was accepted, with the thanks of the Board, and ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Fischer, W. L., car fares	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$3 70
Hawley, James C., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint, and Supplies,	\$68 79
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	6 25
	Police—Supplies	1 25
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	12 92
		<hr/> 89 21
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, plumbing materials	Labor, Maint. and Supplies,	20 60
Wright, R. J., oats, corn, etc	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	651 84
		<hr/> <hr/> \$765 35

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$744 93
Maintenance—Zoological Department	6 25
Police—Supplies	1 25
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards	12 92
	<hr/> \$765 35

February 1, 1882.]

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-five cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 1, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	\$244 90
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal..... Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881....	27 50
Booth, Thomas, petty disbursements... Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	2 00
Brown, Martin B., file boxes..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	17 00
Dietz, R. E., lamps, etc. Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1881.	\$8 95
Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881....	1 80
	10 75
Decker, N. H., payment of acceptance. Sewer 3d ave. & 156th st., from 158th st. to Brook avenue.....	630 97

Early & Lane, matches and dust pans. Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$2 66	
Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	9 50	
Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps. Impt. and Maint., 1881....	24	
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	\$12 40	
Ghettie, Antonio; monuments.....	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1881.....	375 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., bridle fronts, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	12 00	
Halsey, G. W., oats, meal, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881....	34 80
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., lace leathers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	11 40
Howell, A. J., screenings.....	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of, 1881..	247 50
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., stop-cock... Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	2 31	
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	93 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	139 80
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, brackets and stoves.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1881	24 10
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron drill and wheels.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., I. and M. 1881.....	128 45
Murphy & Nesbit, lime and sand.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$1 75
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	50
	<hr/>	2 25
Newell, D. C. & Sons, ground shavings. Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	6 00	
Oastler, W. C., hire of steam roller....	Sedgwick avenue, Maint. of, 1881..	41 66

O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	\$14 73
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., birds.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	131 00
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber boots.....	Sewers & Drains, cleaning, etc., 1881.....	21 25
Rohrey, John, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1881....	4 50
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	9 60
Seaman, John A., manila rope.....	Sewers & Drains, cleaning, etc., 1881.....	2 56
Seymour, W. N. & Co, horse nails and rasps.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	85 53
Schillinger, John J., pavement.....	Laying Walks, City Parks, 1881....	291 47
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	17 12
Willis & Dyer, estimate No. 1.....	Fourth ave Parks, Impt. of.....	4,482 00
Wright, R. J., fine salt.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881....	12 00
		<u>\$7,136 04</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$385 07
Maintenance—Zoological Department, “.....	416 22
Laying Walks, City Parks, “.....	291 47
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance, 1881.....	142 49
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	99 85
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of, 1881.....	289 16
Sewers and Drains, “.....	23 81
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1881..	375 00
Sewer, 3d avenue and 156th street, from 158th street to Brook avenue.....	630 97
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	4,482 00
	<u>\$7,136 04</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-one hundred and thirty-six dollars and four cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 1, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Grade maps around Morrisania Park.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, under chapter 604 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay-out, establish, and classify those certain public squares, places or parks, and streets or avenues, or portions of the same, of the width, extent, direction, grade, and class as shown on a map or plan entitled "Plans and Profiles showing the Parks at the intersections of Sedgwick avenue with Mott and Walton avenues, and portions of those streets and avenues bounding the same in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," "Dated New York, August 1, 1881," the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good, and that Smith E. Lane, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file three copies of the said map in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Street openings, 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The proceedings in the matter of opening of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and other streets in the Twenty-third Ward, and in the matter of opening Sedgwick avenue, from Fordham landing road to Boston avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward, having been duly confirmed by the Court ;

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is respectfully requested to advise this Department as to its powers to enter upon the lands within the lines of streets and avenues included in said proceedings, and to sell the buildings and other structures thereon before the awards for the same have been paid ; and whether any action of the Department is necessary to declare said streets and avenues formally opened.

Cullen, Thomas—Appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Cullen be appointed a blacksmith helper, and assigned to duty in the blacksmith shop.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Plans for decorations—Union Square.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Jacob Wrey Mould to prepare a design, specification of the work, and an estimate of the cost of repairs, repainting, and decorating of the staffs, bases, and the ornamental work on the north side of the park at Union Square.

Commins, Patrick—Restored.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Commins be and he is hereby appointed a laborer on the parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Permits.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That all permits issued prior to January 1, 1882, and all permits bearing no date be canceled on the 15th February, 1882, and that the Captain of Police be directed to issue an order to have the same taken up.

Schell, Frank—To restore.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Frank Schell, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Kitchell, Theodore—To restore.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Theodore Kitchell be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to procure a complete file of the Senate and Assembly bills, as ordered printed by the Legislature of 1882, at an expense not exceeding \$50.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Highbridge Park Hotel—Lease.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom was referred the application of Charles Schwarz for a license to sell refreshments and accommodate visitors at the Highbridge Park Hotel, reported in favor of granting such license to said Schwarz for a term of three years, upon certain conditions, including the payment of six per cent. of the gross annual receipts, and upon due consent of Mrs. Bertha C. L. Schedler, and the adjustment and satisfaction of the obligations of said Mrs. Schedler to this Department, and submitted a draft of a license.

Upon motion, said draft was modified.

Whereupon Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted to Charles Schwarz to sell refreshments and to care for visitors at the Highbridge Park Hotel for a period of five years, upon the conditions set forth in the form of license herewith approved, and upon the due consent of Mrs. Bertha C. L. Schedler, and the adjustment of the obligations of the said Mrs. Bertha C. L. Schedler to this Department, and that Commissioner Wales be authorized to sign the said license in behalf of the said Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Jones, Aneurin—To suspend.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Aneurin Jones, Superintendent of Parks, be suspended until the next meeting of this Board, and that he be notified to appear at that time to answer why he should not be removed for abuse of authority and for inefficiency.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Report of Special Committee.

Commissioner WALES, from the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting, and to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent of Parks for examination and report, presented the following report :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
February 1, 1882. }

To the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

GENTLEMEN—At the last meeting of the Board it was referred to the undersigned to consider the report of the Superintendent of Parks with reference to certain matters upon which he has asked the advice of this Board.

I.—Mount Morris Park.

Your Committee recommend that the fence surrounding this park and the approaches to it be put in good condition, to be paid out of Maintenance.

II.—Public conveniences.

Your Committee also approve of the suggestions of the Superintendent, that plans be prepared for ladies' cottages for the Mount Morris Park and for Reservoir square; and that the Architect of the Department be directed to prepare and submit such plans, together with an estimate of the cost of construction of the necessary buildings; also that the ladies' cottage at Bridge 7, near the Arsenal, which is much too small, be enlarged to the extent of four additional seats and a suitable toilet room; and that plans also for this, with estimates, be submitted to the Board.

III.—East River Park.

Your Committee recommend that the floor of the piazza upon this park should be very carefully relaid and put in proper repair. An estimate of the cost of the same is herewith submitted. Also that the same be done to the old block house standing upon the bluff at the upper end of the park, overlooking the Harlem flats. This can be done with comparatively very little expense.

IV.—Astor Place Urinal.

This urinal was constructed some years ago under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works. It is a foul nuisance to the whole neighborhood, and great complaint is justly made against it. Your Committee recommend that this urinal be taken away entirely; and they would include in this recommendation the one upon the park, near Cooper Union. Mr. Peter Cooper called here a few days since and complained that this urinal was a great nuisance to the institution opposite, and asked that it might be removed to the other end of the park. Your Committee are of the opinion that it would be a nuisance in any part of the park, and one that should be abated. We also recommend that the Superintendent be directed to relay the flagging and curb-stones, wherever it is necessary to do so, around Bowling Green, and that proper guards be placed at the corners wherever injury is liable to be done by careless driving; and we have directed that the seats on the Mall and about the Music-stand be put in good repair in the repair shops.

V.—Horses.

The Superintendent in his report says, there are from fifteen to twenty horses belonging to the Department which are of very little use. Some are useless.

Your Committee recommend that, after a careful inspection, these worthless horses should be sold at public auction and their places supplied by good working animals.

VI.—Water at One Hundred and Tenth street.

It appears that there are no culverts on One Hundred and Tenth street, from Fifth to Eighth avenue, in consequence of which all the water from the street goes into the park. We recommend that application be made to the Department of Public Works to open culverts to connect with the sewer, which, we understand, has been completed through One Hundred and Tenth street. Also that application be made to the Department of Public Works for permission to make connection with the water-pipes at or near Ninetieth street, for the purpose of supplying water to be used for drinking purposes, and for watering the drives along in that district, of which there appears to be great need.

VII.—Stone Steps to the Obelisk.

The Superintendent states that he is unable to secure the services of efficient stone-cutters for the wages now paid by the Department; but that there are plenty of stone upon the park from which these steps could be cut. It is, however, the judgment of your Committee, and approved by the Superintendent, that it would be more economical to make a contract with a responsible stone-cutter to get out new steps for this work, as it would require a good deal of time and care to select the stone lying about the Central Park, and fit them for this purpose. Estimates can be obtained for this work and submitted to the Board for its action and approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. WALES, }
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

Commissioner LANE moved that said report be accepted, and that the recommendations therein contained, with the exception of that one relating to the urinal in the park opposite Cooper Institute, be approved and adopted.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Report on Obelisk railing, etc.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of constructing stone steps and a railing around the Obelisk, in the Central Park, presented a report, with estimates of the cost of the steps and railing.

Laid over.

Counsel to Corporation—Drainage maps.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to information required by him in the matter of the maps prepared by the Board of Health for the drainage of certain portions of the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report on.

Delmage, Richard—Pay due.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully requested to pay to Mrs. Delmage, widow of Richard Delmage, deceased, the sum of eight dollars and eighty cents, being the amount due said Richard Delmage on the Labor Pay-roll of this Department, expiring with December 17, 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Skate-house—Harlem Lake.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the subject of erecting a house at the Harlem Lake for the accommodation of skaters, at an expense

not exceeding \$250, be referred to Commissioner MacLean, with power.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Laborers—For duty on ice.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That under the direction of the Chairman, the Superintendent of Parks is hereby authorized to select and detail such number of laborers as may be required for duty in assisting in preserving order on the ice, during skating.

Promotions.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the promotions in this Department should be made upon the ground of meritorious service and superior capacity, and other things being equal, the persons to be promoted should be selected from among those who have been longest in the employ of the Department.

Removals.

Resolved, That no person shall be hereafter removed from the service of the Department, except for the reason that the person to be discharged is unfit for his place, or for the purpose of consolidating offices or reducing expenses.

A division of the question being ordered,

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said first resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said second resolution, and it was determined in the

negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

Commissioner LANE called up the following resolution, offered by him at a meeting January 11, 1882, and laid over (p. 479 of the Minutes) :

Olmsted, F. L.—To report.

Resolved, I. That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect of the Department, be requested to direct the work on the trees, plants, shrubbery, lawns, and grass, and to make a report thereon, with his recommendations. That his compensation be fixed at three thousand dollars per annum.

II. That the superintendence and performance of the work on the trees, plants, shrubbery, lawns, and grass be taken from the Superintendent of Parks and committed to the Superintending Gardener.

III. That in accordance with the request of Mr. Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect, he may be relieved from giving his time to the Department.

A division of the question being ordered,

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to the first proposition, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

By unanimous consent, Commissioner LANE amended the second proposition, so as to read as follows :

“That the superintendence and performance of the work on the trees, plants, shrubbery, lawns, and grass be conducted under the supervision and direction of the Superintending Gardener.”

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said proposition as amended, and it was determined

in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said third proposition, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Vaux, Calvert. }
Parsons, Sam'l, Jr. } To appoint.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux and Samuel Parsons, Jr., be and they are hereby appointed Landscape Architects, advisory to this Department, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, and that the appointment of Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect, be and hereby is rescinded.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean—2.

Fischer, W. L.—To remove.
Parsons, Sam'l, Jr.—To appoint.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That W. L. Fischer is hereby removed as Superintending Gardener, and that Samuel Parsons, Jr., is hereby appointed in his place.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the nega-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Brook avenue—Grading.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Resolved, That Brook avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, be regulated and graded from the line of the New York and Harlem Railroad to a point four hundred and eighty-seven feet southerly from One Hundred and Thirty-second street ; and that an approach be graded to connect with said Brook avenue in Railroad avenue, extending from the easterly line of Brook avenue to a point seventy-five feet northerly thereof ; in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, extending from the eastern line of Brook avenue to a point seventy-five feet easterly therefrom ; in One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, extending from the eastern line of Brook avenue to a point fifty feet easterly therefrom ; in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, extending from the eastern line of Brook avenue to the western curb-line of Washington avenue, and from the western line of Brook avenue to the track of the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad ; in Washington avenue, extending from the eastern line of Brook avenue to the northerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, and from the westerly line of Brook avenue to the track of the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad ; in Elton avenue, from the western line of Brook avenue to the track of the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad ; in Union lane, from the eastern line of Brook avenue to a point one hundred feet easterly therefrom ; and that said Brook avenue be carried over One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street by means of a wooden bridge thirty feet in width ; and that a bridge be constructed to carry said Brook avenue over the Port Morris Branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad ; all the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction, to prepare plans and specifications for doing said work, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Morris avenue—Grading.

Resolved, That Morris avenue, from its intersection with the westerly side of Third avenue at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to its intersection with Railroad avenue at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, be regulated and graded, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, and the curb and gutter stones set, with returns to the house lines at the intersecting streets and avenues between the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Laid over.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, at 1 o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 8th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1882.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

Commissioner WALES in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, when Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the same be amended by striking therefrom the resolution found on page 110 of the Minutes, proposing to suspend the Superintendent of Parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

The minutes as read were approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Assessment lists, Brook avenue sewer—Riverside avenue.

From the Comptroller, desiring that the assessment lists for the works of constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Brook avenue, etc., and the improvement and construction of

Riverside avenue, be transmitted as early as possible to the Board of Assessors.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to report at the next meeting the cause of the delay in the preparation of the assessment list for the Brook avenue sewer, and the present state of the plans, etc., for the improvement of Riverside avenue.

Baldwin, C. C.—For information.

From C. C. Baldwin, individually and as President of the Produce Bank, desiring access to the records and data in the possession of the Department in relation to the contract of Decker & Quintard for the improvement of the Riverside avenue.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, granted.

Inventory.

From the Property Clerk, presenting an inventory of the property belonging to the Department under date of January 1, 1882.

Referred to Commissioner Lane.

Acting Engineer of Construction—Works in progress.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Hall, Isaac—Bath at Battery.

From Isaac Hall, applying for a renewal of his license to moor a floating bath at the Battery.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe to report.

Ward, Thomas—For lease of premises.

From Thomas Ward, applying for a lease of the premises at the northeast corner of Seventy-ninth street and the Hudson River Railroad.

Denied.

Cauldwell, Wm.—Third Avenue Bridge.

From Wm. Cauldwell, relative to the condition of the roadway of the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

Ordered filed.

Bailey, Thomas—To lay sewer-pipe.

From Thomas Bailey, desiring permission to lay a six-inch sewer-pipe across Broadway, from the residence of Mr. George Moller, at Kingsbridge, to the Spuyten Duyvil creek.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said permission was granted, the work to be done under direction of Acting Engineer of Construction.

Police Surgeon—Vaccination.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting in relation to the vaccination of the employees of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Drainage Maps, Twenty-third Ward.

From the Topographical Engineer, reporting on the communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to information necessary to initiate proceedings for acquiring a right of way for certain drains necessary to be built under certificates of the Board of Health.

Referred to the Secretary to transmit to the Board of Health.

Comptroller—Approval of sureties—O'Grady contracts.

From the Comptroller, returning the proposals of James W. O'Grady for constructing three several sewers, with his approval of the original sureties thereon.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

McQuade, John, Estimate No. 3.....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River..	\$1,808 45
Metropolitan Telephone and Tele- graph Co., rent.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	125 00
Morgan, J. P., Treas., salaries, Mus. Natural History, January.....	Maint. Museums.	1,402 45
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., salaries, etc., Museum of Art, January.....	Maint. Museums,	1,398 01
Seymour, Wm. & Co., axes and saws..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	41 40
Schoonmaker, S. A., red lead.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. Impt. and Maint.	16 00
White, Chas. W., plank.....	Manhattan Square Impt. of.....	65 86
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$48 23
	Surveys, Maps & Plans.....	9 52
		<hr/> 57 75
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem River.	3 77
		<hr/> <hr/> \$4,918 69

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$166 40
Maintenance Museums.....	2,800 46
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	65 86
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.....	16 00
Surveying, Laying out, making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	48 23
Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	9 52
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	1,812 22
	<hr/> <hr/> \$4,918 69

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-nine hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty-nine cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 7, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Maint. Zool. Dept.,			
	1881.....		\$255 15
Goeller, Geo. C. & Co., rents.....	Rents D.P. Parks,		
	1881.....	\$33 34	
	Rents D.P. Parks,		
	1882.....	16 66	
		<hr/>	50 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., hooks.....	Labor Maint. and		
	Supplies, 1881 .		4 50
McNally, Robert, rods.....	Surveys, Maps,		
	and Plans, 1881.		10 00
McKesson and Robbins, borax.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies, 1881..		15 00
Medford Fancy Goods Co., dog collars. Maint. Zool. Dept.,			
	1881.....		3 55
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., rent..	Rents D. P.Parks,		
	1881.....	\$416 67	
	Rents D.P. Parks,		
	1882.....	208 33	
		<hr/>	625 00

Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paint brushes, etc.....	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881...		\$64 40
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paint brushes, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		73 48
Seymour, W. N. & Co., padlocks, sheaves, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$11 10	
	Sewers & Drains, 1881.....	3 00	
			14 10
Seaman, John A., manila rope.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		59 36
Schoolfield, R. J., brands.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		3 75
White, Chas. W., white wood.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		92 20
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		61 11
			<hr/>
			\$1,331 60

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$210 03
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1881.....	379 17
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance, 1881.....	64 40
Sewers and Drains, 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	3 00
Rents—Department of Public Parks, 1881.....	450 01
Rents—Department of Public Parks, 1882.....	244 99
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	\$1,331 60

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 7, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve

them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Urinal—Cooper Union Park.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the Architect was directed to prepare and submit to the Board, at the next meeting, an estimate of the cost of removing the urinal in Cooper Union Park to the south end of said park.

Culverts—One Hundred and Tenth street.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, that portion of the report of the Special Committee, adopted at the last meeting, relating to culverts on One Hundred and Tenth street, was referred to Commissioner Olliffe to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works in relation to the same, and report the result to this Board.

Bridge across Harlem River at Second avenue.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be requested to report to this Board as soon as he can, without hindrance to his other occupations, the probable cost of a bridge across the Harlem, from a point at or near the terminus of Second avenue, in this city, duly designed to accommodate all kinds of traffic, including passenger and freight traffic, whether on surface or elevated railways, with an estimate of the cost of maintaining such bridge.

Laid over.

McGovern, James—Statement.

A statement was received from James McGovern in relation

to the manner of the discharge of his duty while in charge of the painters in the employ of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, referred to the Committee on Personnel.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, at 11:15 A. M., adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WALES.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, Commissioner MacLean was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Comptroller—Liquidated damages on contract.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the provision in contracts relative to the time agreed upon for the completion thereof, and the stipulation for liquidated damages for delay beyond the time fixed for the completion of the work.

Ordered filed.

McQuade, John—Work on Madison Avenue Bridge.

From John McQuade, in relation to the work of constructing the approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Laid over.

Jones, Charles, Assignee O'Grady contracts.

From Charles Jones, assignee of James W. O'Grady, contractor for constructing three sewers in Twenty-third Ward, desiring to be allowed to proceed with work on the same.

Ordered filed.

Freund, Christian—For employment.

From P. H. Dugro, F. Finck, and others, recommending Christian Freund for employment.

Ordered filed.

Bailey, Thomas—To lay drain on Broadway.

From Thomas Bailey, desiring permission to lay a drain-pipe under Broadway at Kingsbridge, opposite the premises of George H. Moller.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that permission be granted Thomas Bailey to lay a drain under Broadway, opposite the premises of George H. Moller, the work to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Cappa, C. A.—To furnish music.

From C. A. Cappa, desiring to furnish music for Central Park during the coming season.

Ordered filed.

Rapid Telegraph Co.—To stretch wires.

From the American Rapid Telegraph Co., desiring permission to stretch several wires over Union Square.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, denied.

District Attorney—Flagging Southern Boulevard.

From the District Attorney, relative to the removal of flagging from the sidewalk of the Southern Boulevard.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, referred to Commissioner MacLean.

Marks, A. P.—Lease of East River Park.

From A. P. Marks, applying for a lease of the premises at East River Park.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe.

Pritchard & Knox—For use of street.

From Pritchard & Knox, desiring permission to use the street in front of their premises on the Southern Boulevard, west of Lincoln avenue.

Denied.

Sewer—Washington avenue.

From H. A. Sherwood, Louis Schneider, and others, property-owners, applying for the construction of a sewer in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Secretary—Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the money deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement and return of moneys made to Comptroller, February, 8, 1882.

PERMITS.

1882.

Jan. 19. Charles Hammond, sewer connection	\$10 00	
20. John C. Mullaney, "	10 00	
27. Mrs. Julia Gorman, "	10 00	
		\$30 00

POUND.

Jan. 23. Property Clerk, receipts from Pound	14 00
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LICENSES.

Feb. 3. Mrs. B. C. L. Schedler, High Bridge Park	\$2,122 81	
6. James J. Snow, pony service	1 00	
6. John Lucas, "	87	
		\$2,124 68
		<u>\$2,168 68</u>

Superintendent of Parks—Overtime on drives.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the amount of overtime made by men employed on drives in Central Park.

Approved and ordered filed.

Urinal—Cooper Park.

From the Architect, reporting an estimate of the cost of removing the urinal in Cooper Union Park to the south end of said park.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Architect be directed to proceed with said work, the same to be done at an expense not to exceed \$200.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Ganun, A. M.—Pay of.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, recommending an increase of pay for A. M. Ganun, Mechanical Assistant.

Ordered filed.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction :

Assessment lists, Brook avenue sewers—Riverside Drive.

1st. Reporting in relation to the assessment lists for Brook avenue sewer and the improvement of Riverside avenue.

Referred to the Secretary to transmit a copy of the same to the Comptroller.

Basin heads—137th street and Alexander avenue.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from Rev. John J. Hughes, asking to have the basin heads on the northeast

corner of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street and Alexander avenue raised to the established grade.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to proceed with said work, the same to be done at an expense not to exceed \$125.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Flagging sidewalks.

3d. In relation to ordinances of the Common Council, calling for crosswalks and flagging in streets which have never been regulated or graded to the established grade.

Ordered filed.

Works in progress.

4th. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Drain at Mill Brook.

1st. Relative to the damage caused by the caving in of an old drain at Mill Brook, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to repair the same.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Works in progress.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspensions.

3d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Glynn, James—Pay allowed.

4th. Recommending that James Glynn, double team, be allowed pay for eight days' work on Sedgwick avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that James Glynn be allowed eight days' pay for services rendered with a double team, as recommended by the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Cole, James—Bill of.

5th. Inclosing a bill from James Cole, amounting to \$8, for work done in repairing wagon and sleigh belonging to the Department.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mulvehill, John—Restoration.

6th. Recommending the restoration of John Mulvehill, laborer.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that John Mulvehill, laborer in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Board of Aldermen—Resolutions.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Elephant—Purchase of.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 91, article 16, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and are hereby authorized and empowered to procure, in open market, and without contract, an elephant for the use of and to be added to the zoological collection of the department, at a cost not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and to be paid for out of the appropriation made for " Zoological Department " for 1882.

Ordered filed.

138th street flagging.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street between Willis avenue and St. Ann's avenue, be flagged a space four feet wide where not heretofore flagged ; that the curb and gutter stones be set on the northerly side of said street, within the aforesaid limits, where not heretofore set, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

St. Ann's avenue flagging.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the westerly side of St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and One Hundred and Forty-first street, be flagged a space four feet wide, that the curb and gutter stones be set on the westerly side of said avenue, within the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Courtland avenue—Crosswalks.

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid in East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and in Melrose avenue, Courtland avenue, and Railroad avenue, east, at the intersections of said street and avenues, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Counsel to Corporation—Opening Boston road and Westchester avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the proceedings for the opening of Boston road and Westchester avenue, and stating that an appeal has been taken to the General Term, and recommending that no action be taken by this Department until the hearing and determination of said appeal.

Ordered filed.

Cohen, Jacob & Co.—Flag 147th street.

From Jacob Cohen & Co., desiring permission to lay a flag sidewalk, at their own expense, on the east side of One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, between Third and Willis avenues.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, said permission was granted, the work to be done at their own expense and under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Pool, Joseph—Bridge over Harlem river at 2d avenue.

From Joseph Pool, in relation to the plans and specifications for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river at Second avenue.

Ordered filed.

Mechanics—For increase of wages.

A petition was received from the mechanics employed by the Department, asking for an increase of pay.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Trees on 3d avenue—Remonstrance against removal.

From Peter Schadt, J. T. Jordan and others, remonstrating against the removal of trees from the sidewalk of Third avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

Laid over.

Riverside Drive—Report on plans for completion of.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to the plans for the completion of the improvement of Riverside avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-eighth streets.

Laid over.

Foremen—Increase of wages.

From the Foremen employed in the Department, asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

O'Brien, Patrick, Inspector—Discharged.

From the Architect, stating that the services of Patrick O'Brien, Inspector on Fourth avenue parks, will not be required after the 4th inst.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, Patrick O'Brien was ordered discharged from the employ of this Department, to date from 4th inst., in consequence of the completion of the work on which he was employed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables..	Maint. Zool. Dept.,		
	1881.....		\$259 80
Bouton & Smith, steel tires.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies, 1881..		11 13
Central Gas-light Co., gas.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards, 1881....		90
Christie & Quinn, oak buckets.....	Sewers & Drains,		
	Cleaning, etc.,		
	1881.....		5 00
Coffin, Paul C., axe handles.....	Labor, Maint. and		
	Supplies, 1881..	\$7 50	
	Manhattan Square,		
	Imp. of, 1881. .	15 00	
			<u>23 50</u>

Colgate & Co., soap.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$7 60	
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint., 1881....		94
			<u>94</u>
Early & Lane, mops.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		\$8 54
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		30 00
Lynch, Edward M., Estimate No. 2....	Broadway, 23d & 24th Wards, Maint. of, 1881.		4 40
		1,052 80	
McLaughlin, Jas., plumbing work....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		415 00
McClave, E. W. & Co., lumber.....	Labor Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		310 00
McNab & Harlin Manuf. Co., plumbing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		48 58
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		11 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		264 70
Morn, Jas. O., sewer tools.....	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc., 1881.....		60 00
Purcell, Jas., harness.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		50 00
Rubber Clothing Co., rubber coats....	Police, 1881.....		600 00
Stackpole & Bro., repairs to instrument.	Surveys, Maps. & Plans, 1881.....		52 50
Seymour, W. N. & Co., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$48 88	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		5 00
			<u>53 88</u>
Seymour, W. N. & Co., padlocks and files.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		85 34
Smith, J. Finley, feather duster.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$25 20	
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		1 80
			<u>27 00</u>

Tatham & Brothers, lead pipe.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$181 80
Tatham & Brothers, lead pipe and solder.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	35 82
White, Chas. W., oak boards.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	527 22
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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$2,053 17
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1881.....	277 60
Manhattan Square, Improvement of, 1881.....	15 00
Police, 1881.....	600 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	90
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	1,052 80
Sewers and Drains—Cleaning, etc., 1881.....	65 00
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881.....	52 50
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance, 1881.....	94
	<hr/> \$4,117 91 <hr/> <hr/>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and seven-
teen dollars and ninety-one cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 28, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Cuskeley, Cornelius, services.....	Southern Boulevard, Maint. of, 1881.....	\$22 56
Halleck, Adam, services.....	Southern Boulevard, Maint. of, 1881.....	25 56
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		\$48 12
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance of Southern Boulevard, 1881.....	\$48 12
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-eight dollars and twelve cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, February 14, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$246 45
Bertine, Edwin R., flags.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....
	179 50

Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....		\$11 00
Brown, Martin B., binding assessment lists.....	Receiving basins, manholes, etc, Third ave., from Harlem River to 147th street. ...		7 50
Coffin, Paul C., pruning shears	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		18 00
Donaldson, Jos., brackets	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		6 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		45 45
McAllister, F. E., manure forks	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		22 40
McDonnell, Peter, Cumberland coal. ...	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$20 65	
	Manhattan square, Impt. of	1 05	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint	6 30	
			28 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas, Arsenal.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		106 42
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Company, gas at Parks, etc	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		57 60
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		14 88
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	\$3 15	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	1 40	
	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	2 38	
			6 93
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		9 00
Stewart, A. T. & Co., satteen and thread	Police—Supplies. .		16 10
Seymour, W. N. & Co., butts and wire gauge	Labor, Maint. and Supplies		15 38

Seaman, John A., waste.....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	\$6 00
White, Chas. W., spruce joist	Labor, Maint. and Supplies	30 00
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	49 14
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		\$875 75
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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies	\$504 55
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	320 87
Manhattan Square, Improvement of	1 05
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance	25 68
Police—Supplies	16 10
Receiving basins, manholes, etc., Third avenue, from 147th street to Harlem river	7 50
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	\$875 75
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 28, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Police Station—Repairs to.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Lane, with

power, to clean, repair, and paint, in addition to the Police Station, all of the remainder of the basement of the Arsenal building, at a cost not exceeding \$200.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Cottage, Union Square—Plans for.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Jacob Wrey Mould to prepare a design for the painting of the cottage on Union square, to be in harmony with the proposed decoration of the staffs, bases, and the ornamental work on the north side of the square, and an estimate of the cost.

McAlpine W. J.—To report on Riverside Drive work.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That Mr. W. J. McAlpine, the former Superintending Engineer of this Department, be requested to make a report to this Board upon the application of Mr. C. C. Baldwin for information in respect to the Riverside avenue, provided the charges of Mr. McAlpine be wholly paid by Mr. Baldwin.

Buildings on line of street openings to be sold.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to proceed forthwith to make maps or plans showing the buildings, fences, and other structures included within the lines of streets and avenues, as taken for public use by the city under the two separate proceedings known as the opening of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and other streets in the Twenty-third Ward, and the opening of Sedgwick avenue, from Fordham Landing road to Boston avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and prepare a descriptive catalogue of all the buildings, fences, and other structures as taken by each proceeding separately, and transmit the same to this Board at the earliest possible day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Thompson, James—Driver of double team.

Resolved, That the name of Charles Kadin, double team, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be changed to James Thompson.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLane, Olliffe—3.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Horses and old material to be sold.

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Olliffe, with power, to sell at public auction ten useless horses and other useless material of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and decided the same carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of the following resolution, adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

Van Riper, C.—To flag sidewalk.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Van Riper to set the curb and gutter stones, and flag the sidewalk a space eight feet wide in front of his premises on the northerly side of One Hundred and Forty-third street, commencing 150 feet east of Willis avenue, and running easterly

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150 feet, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Commissioner OLLIFFE moved that permission be granted Charles Van Riper to do said work at his own expense, under the direction of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 10.30 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1882.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 A. M.

The meeting was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE,
March 3, 1882. }

Mr. E. P. BARKER,

Secretary :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held on Monday, 6th inst., at 9.30 A. M., for the consideration of unfinished business and such other business as may be presented.

S. H. WALES,

W. M. OLLIFFE,

Commissioners D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner WALES.

“ OLLIFFE.

A quorum not being present.

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.
“ WALES.
“ MACLEAN.
“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, Commissioner Olliffe was called to the chair.

Riverside avenue—Planting of trees.

Messrs. Robert, Smith, Clark, Viele, and Meehan, representatives of the owners of property on Riverside Park and Avenue, appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the planting of trees upon Riverside Park and avenue.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Superintending Gardener be directed to select from the nurseries or from the overgrowth in Central Park suitable trees for planting upon the central places in Riverside avenue, and that in case sufficient trees cannot be so procured, that proper trees for such planting be selected and purchased by the Superintending Gardener at an expense not exceeding \$500, and that the Superintendent be directed to proceed with such planting without delay, and also with the proper pruning and removal of the dead limbs and trees now upon said avenue and park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Minutes—Amendment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, when Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution on the minutes of the meeting of March 1, referring to Commissioner Olliffe, with power to sell the horses, etc., is void and invalid for the reason that it received only two affirmative votes, three members of the Board being present, while the statute requires for the passage of a resolution the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board, and that their names be entered on the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

The minutes as read were then approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor.

Crosswalk—173d street.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be called to the sunken condition of the crosswalk in East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, near its intersection with Third avenue, opposite Grammar School No. 63, and that they be and are hereby requested to cause said crosswalk to be properly repaired as soon as possible.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Mott avenue—Paving.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested to report to this Board at its next meeting why the

ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1880, and approved by the Mayor, July 5, 1880, directing that Mott avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the bridge over the railroad near One Hundred and Fifty-second street be paved with Telford-Macadam pavement, has not been complied with, and whether any further legislation is necessary on the part of this Common Council in order to enable said Commissioners to carry into effect the provisions of the aforesaid ordinance.

Referred to the Secretary to reply.

155th street--Regulating, etc.

Resolved, That East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, from the westerly curb-line of Elton avenue to the easterly curb-line of Courland avenue, be regulated and graded, that the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide where not heretofore flagged, and that curb and gutter stones be set where not heretofore set between the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

134th street—Regulating.

Resolved, That East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between the easterly curb-line of Willis avenue and the westerly curb-line of Brook avenue, be regulated and graded, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide where not heretofore flagged, and that curb and gutter stones be set where not heretofore set, within the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Mott avenue—Crosswalks.

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid in Mott avenue and in East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, at the intersections of said avenue and street, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

174th street—Flagging.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the northerly side of East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, between Third avenue and Washington avenue, be flagged a space four feet wide, and that crosswalks be laid in Washington avenue and in East One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, at the intersections of said avenue and street, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Board of Street Opening.

From the Mayor's Secretary, relative to a meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

Ordered filed.

Health Department—Drainage maps.

From the Health Department, forwarding maps or plans giving technical description in metes and bounds of the land required for drains in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Swings, Central Park—Mount Morris.

From C. W. Adams, relative to the removal of swings from Mount Morris Park, and presenting a petition from the residents of Harlem for the removal of the same.

On motion, the subject of the location and conduct of swings on Central Park and Mount Morris square was referred to Commissioner Wales with power.

Wernig, C. W.—Music.

From C. W. Wernig, desiring to furnish music for the concerts in Central Park during the coming season.

Ordered filed.

Schillinger, J. J.—Pavements.

From John J. Schillinger, in relation to laying pavements.

Ordered filed.

McLaughlin, T. C.—Float at Third Avenue Bridge.

From Thomas C. McLaughlin, applying for the privilege of mooring floats and letting boats at the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river.

Ordered filed.

Kyle, William—Boats, Harlem Meer.

From William Kyle, desiring a renewal of license for letting boats for hire on the Harlem Meer in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Olliffe.

Giblin & Lyons—Bridge and bay wall.

From Giblin & Lyons, contractors, for building a bridge and bay wall in Central Park at Seventy-seventh street and

Eighth avenue, in relation to amending their contract by substituting Haverstraw bricks laid in English Portland cement, for the "buff brick" as called for in the specifications ; and

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the conduct of the work on said contract with Giblin & Lyons.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean to examine and report upon.

High Bridge Park Hotel—Repairs to.

From Charles Schwarz, lessee of the High Bridge Hotel, relative to the repairs necessary to be made to buildings and grounds.

From the Superintendent of Parks relative to the repairs necessary to be made to the hotel at High Bridge Park.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean.

German Hospital—Cuttings.

From the President of the German Hospital, desiring to obtain cuttings of ornamental shrubs and plants from the Central Park for the Hospital grounds.

Granted, under the direction of the Superintending Gardener.

138th street, etc.—Flagging.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to the ordinance recently passed by the Board of Aldermen for the flagging and setting curb and gutter in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Willis avenue and St. Ann's avenue.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy to the Mayor :

Whereas, Resolutions are from time to time adopted by the Board of Aldermen, directing the Department of Public Parks to proceed with the prosecution of public improve-

ments in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, when, upon an examination being made into the proposed improvement by the Department of Public Parks, it is found impossible to proceed with the same in consequence of legal difficulties preventing; and

Whereas, The passage of such resolutions by the Board of Aldermen for the prosecution of improvements, and the failure of the Department of Public Parks, in consequence of legal difficulties, to prosecute the same, gives rise to dissatisfaction on the part of the residents of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to direct the Committee on Public Works of said Board to return to the custom formerly in practice by said Committee, and before an ordinance or resolution is reported to the Board of Aldermen for adoption that the same be transmitted to the Department of Public Parks for examination and report.

Washington avenue—Sewer.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition of H. A. Sherwood and others for a sewer in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets, and stating that the improvement asked for is both desirable and proper.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to prepare plans and specifications for constructing said sewer, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

High Bridge Park—Maps filed.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a topographical map of the High Bridge Park, and reporting in relation to the same.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, under chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out and establish or discontinue that certain public place, square, or park, and those portions of streets of the extent shown on a map or plan entitled "map or plan of that part of the Twelfth ward of the

City of New York between Edgecombe road and Highbridge Park, from about One Hundred and Seventieth to One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, established as a public square or park, and of that portion of Edgecombe road, as laid out May 13, 1869, and discontinued October 24, 1876, by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874." "Dated New York, October 24, 1876." The same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good; and Wm. M. Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file three copies of the said map in pursuance of the provisions of the law above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Cottages—Plans for.

From the Architect, presenting plans and reporting the estimated cost of constructing a ladies' cottage at each of the following points :

Mount Morris Square,
Reservoir Square,
Central Park, near bridge seven.
Laid over.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Hogg, Wm.—Permission to plant trees.

1st. Relative to granting permission to Wm. Hogg to plant ornamental trees in front of his premises on One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street near Elton avenue.

Granted.

Works in progress, 23d and 24th Wards.

2d. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Suspension.

3d. Reporting the temporary suspension of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Overtime—Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the amount of overtime made by men employed upon the drives in Central Park.

Approved.

Engineer of Construction—Works in progress.

From the Topographical and Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

Schultz, C. H.—Lease of mineral springs.

From Carl H. Schultz, applying for a renewal of his license for the sale of mineral waters in Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Barber & Nephew, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$55 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	55 00
Composite Iron Works, estimate No. 1, and final.....	Fourth Avenue Park, Impt. of.	1,448 00
Hawley, James C., petty disbursements.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$93 61
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	3 77
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 16
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Halsey, G. W., hay, straw, oats, etc...	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$93 88
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., leather belting....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	22 79
Howell, A. J., trap-rock.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	59 28
Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, expenses		
Met. Mus. Art.....	Maint. Museums.	1,383 16
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	19 35
McClave, E. W. & Co., white oak....	Manhattan square, Impt. of.....	12 53
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	16 50
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	25 00
Morgan, J. P., Treasurer, expenses		
Museum Natural History.....	Maint. Museums..	1,404 95
Mott, J. L., iron works, sheet iron....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	9 94
Mott, J. L., Iron works, sundries....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	62 45
Mott, J. L., Iron works, sundries....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	30 39
Moffatt, David & Co., sheepskins.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	12 53
New York Mallet and Handle Works, hickory mauls.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of....	3 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	7 21
Stewart, A. T. & Co., burlaps.....	Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	1 62
Smith, Joseph, ladders.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	42 72
Sloane, W. & J., mats.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	8 75

Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Laying out, etc..			
Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$38	35	
Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	7	38	
Bronx River Bdgs.	1	69	
			\$47 42
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements. Const. Bridge over Harlem river...			2 99
Wadsworth, Martinez & Longman, oil, Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$13	33	
Harlem Riv. Bdgs., Reps., Imps. & Maint.....	13	00	
			26 33
			<u>\$4,954 28</u>

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$379	24	
Maintenance—Zoological Department.....	34	16	
Maintenance—Museums.....	2,788	11	
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	15	53	
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance.....	79	56	
Maintenance—23d and 24th Wards.....	159	27	
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Making Maps, etc—23d and 24th Wards.....	38	35	
Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	7	38	
Bronx River Bridges.....	1	69	
Fourth Avenue Parks, Improvement of.....	1,448	00	
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	2	99	
			<u>\$4,954 28</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-nine hundred and fifty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 14, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..		\$11 66
Aguerri, A. A., lettering maps.....	Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1880...		27 33
Dietz, R. E., chimneys, lamps, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$142 80	
	Maint. Zool. Dept. 1881.....	1 80	
	Harlem River Bdgs., Reps., Imp. and Maint., 1881.....	1 80	
	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1882..	5 00	
			<hr/> 151 40
Dodd, Mead & Co., subscriptions to periodicals.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		24 00
Howell, A. J., trap rock.....	Maint. of Sedgwick ave., 1881.		617 50
Lynch, Edward A., Estimate No. 3....	Maint. of Broadway. 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....		921 20
Melloken, David, sawdust	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....		7 50

Mott, J. L., Iron Works, furnaces.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$304 00
Murphy & Nesbit, lime.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	75 00
New York Rubber Co., hose.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	412 00
New York Rubber Co., hose.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	18 00
Schoonmaker, S. A., paints, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	548 80
Sloane, W. & J., mats.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	20 00
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		<u>\$3,138 39</u>

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1880.....	\$27 33
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	1,514 26
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1882.....	5 00
Maintenance Zoological Dept., 1881.....	51 30
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impt. and Maint., 1881...	1 80
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of, 1881.....	617 50
Broadway, 23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance of, 1881...	921 20
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	<u>\$3,138 39</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 14, 1882.

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The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Wright, R. J., hay, oats, corn, etc.	Maint. Zool. Dept.,	
	1881.	\$326 03
Wright, R. J., corn.	Maint. Zool. Dept.,	
	1881.	34 80
Wright, R. J., hay, oats, feed, etc.	Labor, Maint. and	
	Supplies.	661 28
		<u>\$1,022 11</u>

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Maintenance Zoological Department, 1881.	\$360 83	
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.	661 28	
		<u>\$1,022 11</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one thousand and twenty-two dollars and eleven cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 14, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Sheehan, John—Appointed Inspector.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That John Sheehan be and he is hereby appointed Inspector on the construction of the Westchester Avenue Bridge over Bronx river at a compensation of \$4 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Hayes, John W.—To erect booth.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given John W. Hayes to erect a booth 3 x 4 feet at the foot of Whitehall street.

Laid over.

Transfer—Paving Appropriation.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby respectfully requested to transfer from the appropriation "Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, Central Park, 1880," which was not used during that year, the sum of twenty-three thousand and twenty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents, to "Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, Central Park, during the year 1882," in accordance with the provision made for the same in the Departmental Estimate of the Department of Public Parks for the year 1882, as submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Obelisk—Steps and railings.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of constructing stone steps approaching the Obelisk and a suitable railing around the same, presented a report stating that there is no appropriation at the disposal of the Department which he in his judgment deems directly applicable to the same, and recommends the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer from the unexpended balances of the appropriations made for the use of the Department of Public Parks during the year 1881, and which are not required for the purposes for which they were made, as follows :

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—to the use of the Department for labor and material necessary in erecting steps approaching and a railing around the Obelisk in the Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Refreshment building at Mount St. Vincent.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioners MacLean and Wales to ascertain what unexpended balances of appropriation or other means can be made available to the erection of a building at Mount St. Vincent, on the Central Park, for the accommodation of visitors, and report to this Board upon the whole subject.

Steam roller—Transfer.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to transfer to the Superintendent of Parks, upon his request, the steam road roller for such time as it can be spared.

Machinery for drying gravel, etc., for walks.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That a respectful application be made to the Board of Aldermen for the passage of a resolution authorizing this Department to purchase, in open market and without

contract, a portable steam engine, rotary cylinder and necessary machinery, for heating and drying gravel and preparation of materials for laying walks in parks at an expense of \$2,000.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Platform scale.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the purchase of a large portable platform scale be and is hereby authorized for use in Central Park.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Rail road avenue opening.

Commissioner WALES called up the following resolution offered by him and laid over at the meeting of November 16, 1881, and moved its adoption.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title to Railroad avenue, east, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, wherever the title to the same has not been heretofore acquired, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Approach.

Mr. H. A. Cram appeared before the Board, and the subject of the approaches to the Madison Avenue Bridge was taken up and discussed, whereupon Commissioner WALES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, under chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871 and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby approve the plan and location of so much of the southern approach to the bridge across the Harlem river, between Madison avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, as is shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan of Southern Approach to Madison Avenue Bridge, from One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street to River Street," dated New York, 14th February, 1882, and marked thereon as "Plan A;" the same being such as the said Commissioners or a majority of them deem most conducive to the public good; and William M. Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated and directed to certify and file copies of the said map in pursuance of the provisions of the laws above cited.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Counsel to Corporation—To acquire land.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring title to the lands necessary for the southern approach to the bridge across the Harlem river, on Madison avenue, between

One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets, as shown on a map or plan marked "A" dated 14th February, 1882, and this day adopted and ordered filed according to law, and that the Commissioners of the Department be authorized to sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Plans and Specifications for approach.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be and he is hereby directed to prepare plans, contract and specifications necessary for the construction of the southerly approach to the bridge across the Harlem river at Madison avenue in accordance with the plan this day adopted.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Sinking Fund Commissioners—To set apart triangle.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby respectfully requested to set apart for use as a public square or place the triangular piece of land as shown on the map or plan of the southern approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, colored green, and included between the lines of Madison avenue, River street and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was determined in the

affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Bridge over Harlem river at Second avenue.

Commissioner OLLIFFE called up the following resolutions offered by him and laid over at the meeting held December 7, 1881 :

Resolved, That in pursuance and by virtue of authority vested in the Department of Public Parks, by chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and further by the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, and such other acts as relate to the improvement of the Harlem river and the construction of bridges over or tunnels under the same, the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the location and erection of a railroad and foot-bridge across the Harlem river from a point at or near the terminus of Second avenue, in the City of New York, and at right angles to the courses of the proposed improved channel of said river, as heretofore determined by this Department, and since adopted by the United States authorities, to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted, signed by J. J. R. Croes, Engineer, and John Newton, Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the Harlem river improvement, dated October 17, 1881, and does hereby designate one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to certify and acknowledge and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and one in the Department of Public Parks, and to sign, on behalf of this Department, an agreement with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for the erection of said bridge and its approaches after the form of said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the construction of said bridge and its approaches ; and that all costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings, and of every name and nature whatsoever incident to the acquisition of lands, preparation for, superintendence of, and building of said

bridge be borne and paid by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

Suburban Rapid Transit Co.

Approval of route—Permission to build bridge over Harlem river.

Resolved, That consent is hereby given to the location and erection of a railroad and foot-bridge across the Harlem river, from a point at or near the terminus of the Second avenue in the City of New York, and at right angles to the courses of the proposed improved channel of said river as heretofore determined by this Department and since adopted by the United States authorities, to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted, signed by J. J. R. Croes, Engineer, and John Newton, Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the Harlem river improvement, dated October 17, 1881, and that William M. Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated to certify and acknowledge and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and one in the Department of Public Parks, and to sign, on behalf of this Department, an agreement with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for the erection of said bridge and its approaches, after the form of said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation ; and that consent is hereby given that a railway or railways be constructed and operated upon and along such bridge and upon and along or over or under and across the several streets, avenues, places and lands, as and upon and along the route or routes and the several connections thereof fixed, determined, located, and designated by the Commissioners heretofore and on the 6th day of March, 1880, appointed by the Mayor of the City of New York, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the construction of said bridge and its approaches ; and that all costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings, and of every name and nature whatsoever, incident to the acquisition of lands, preparation for, superintendence of, and building of said bridge, be borne and paid by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

Resolved, That the agreement herewith submitted by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company is approved by the Board, and ordered to be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval as to form.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to take up the resolution offered by him and laid over at the meeting held February 8, 1882, p. 525 of the Minutes.

The CHAIRMAN decided said motion out of order.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Whereas, It appears, from the recent authentic compilation of "the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," that a right to construct a bridge across the Harlem river, at and from the termination of the Second avenue, has been heretofore granted by the Legislature of the State, and now remains unrepealed ; and

Whereas, It is mischievous to involve the city in suits and legal proceedings, and especially unwise, in view of the prospective improvement by the Federal Government, to hamper the navigation of Harlem river by a needless multiplicity of bridges ; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take action upon the petition now before the Board until the Legislature (now in session at Albany) repeals the right above mentioned, or the claim thereto is found void upon proceedings by the Attorney-General.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, and Olliffe—3.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Board, it is inexpedient to grant a valuable franchise to a railway corporation barely organized by the payment upon its professed capital of ten per cent., which has for the most part been already expended, especially when the franchise so proposed to be granted by

this Department exceeds in value the entire capital of such corporation for all purposes.

Commissioner LANE moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the proposed agreement contains, excepting a provision for foot passengers, no real consideration for the grant by this Department of the valuable privilege and franchise therein proposed to be so given, that under the Constitution of the United States the same cannot be revoked either by this Department or the Legislature of the State of New York ; contains further no provisions for the payment of any rental or royalty to the city for the valuable privilege to be enjoyed by the party of the second part ; and contains further (in paragraph 2d), a device for the extension, independently of this Department, of the time limited for the completion of the bridge ; and contains further (in paragraph 5th) a merely vague provision for the settlement of the terms upon which any other railway company may use said bridge without any provision for the control by this Department or any municipal authority ;

Therefore, It is, in the opinion of this Board, inexpedient to adopt the resolution now before the Board or to authorize any commissioner or officer of this Board to enter into the agreement in said resolution referred to.

Commissioner LANE moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Commissioner LANE moved the previous question, and called for the ayes and nays on the resolutions as offered by him, whereupon the CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions as offered by Commissioner Lane, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, at 1.10 o'clock, the Board went into Executive Session.

Sedgwick avenue laborers authorized.

A communication was received from the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the employment of three double teams and ten laborers, and the restoration of Patrick Weldon and E. B. Miller, laborers, for work on Sedgwick avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of three double teams and ten laborers for work on Sedgwick avenue be authorized, and that Patrick Weldon and E. B. Miller, laborers, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

McGinn, Peter—Restoration.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the restoration of Peter McGinn, carpenter.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Peter McGinn, carpenter, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Masons—Pay of, fixed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the pay of John Cahill, mason, be fixed at \$3 per day.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of masons employed by the Department be fixed at \$3 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Masons—Employment of.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of two masons, for duty on Manhattan Square, and two masons, for duty on the parks, be and is hereby authorized.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Manhattan Square—Filling.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN it was

Resolved, That the Architect be requested to report to the Board the amount of filling and mould required for the completion of the filling of Manhattan Square, with a plan and specifications, with the view of doing said work by contract.

Manhattan Square—Seeding.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the work of seeding the finished portion of Manhattan Square.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

U. S. Illuminating Co.—For permission to erect poles.

From the U. S. Illuminating Company, desiring permission to erect two poles and place wires thereon near the Worth monument.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved that the subject be referred to Commissioner Wales with power.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Plans for Parks—Twenty-third Ward.

From J. W. Mould, Architect of Morningside Park, presenting plans for two parks at the intersection of Fulton and Franklin avenues, and at the intersection of Boston and Third avenues, with a report thereon.

Laid on the table.

Cottage and iron work—Union Square.

From J. W. Mould presenting specifications for repairing and repainting the ladies' cottage and the ornamental iron work and flag-staffs at the north end of Union Square with an estimate of the cost of the same.

Referred to Commissioner WALES to obtain estimates for doing said work.

Cafferata, Geo.—Moncreif, James—Restored.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That Geo. Cafferata and James Moncreif, laborers, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners WALES, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner LANE—1.

Inspectors—Examination as to qualification.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That before any person is appointed to the office of an Inspector, that he submit to an examination and report from the Acting Engineer of Construction as to his qualification and fitness to intelligently discharge the duties of the position.

Sewer work to proceed.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to proceed with all sewer works authorized in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, on and after April 1st, next.

Inspectors to be appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of Inspectors on the following works be and hereby is authorized in accordance with the recommendation of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Sewers in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, One Hundred and Forty-third street, One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, Courtland avenue, and in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Fifty-third street.
Macadamizing of Broadway.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to amend said resolution by adding thereto "and that it be referred to Commissioner Wales to select suitable persons for appointment."

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Duties on animals.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners, governing the Department of Public Parks, respectfully requests Congress to cause the Federal statutes and customs regulations to be so modified, that all specimens of natural history imported by or for any municipal organization or zoological society within the United States, for exhibition or breeding at the local seat of such municipal organization or zoological society, may be admitted free of duty ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit the foregoing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington.

Laborers—Appointment of.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four laborers be author-

ized for duty on Central Park, and that two of them be detailed for duty at the stables.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Planting on city parks ordered.

Commissioner WALES called up a communication from the Superintending Gardener, received and laid over at a meeting, December 7, 1881, reporting a list of trees for planting upon the city parks.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintending Gardener be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the planting on the city parks in accordance with the recommendations contained in his communication of December 7, 1881.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, at 2.15 o'clock P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

Secretary.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1882.

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 A. M.

The meeting was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
March 22, 1882. }

Mr. E. P. BARKER, Secretary :

SIR—Please issue notices for a meeting of the Board for Friday next, 24th inst., at 9.30 A. M., for the consideration of the report of the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards relative to the works necessary to be prosecuted.

S. H. WALES, } *Commissioners*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

[ENDORSEMENT.]

DATED MARCH 25, 1882.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN and COMMONALTY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW YORK

WITH THE

Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

AGREEMENT.

Approved as to form. See letter to Park Department of March 24, 1882.

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Whereas, on the 15th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, the Department of Public Parks, by a resolution, of which the following is a copy, consented to the location and erection of a railroad bridge across Harlem river by the *Suburban Rapid Transit Company, viz. :*

“ *Resolved*, That consent is hereby given to the location and
“ erection of a railroad and foot-bridge across the Harlem
“ river, from a point at or near the terminus of the Second
“ avenue, in the City of New York, and at right angles to the
“ courses of the proposed improved channel of said river as
“ heretofore determined by this Department, and since
“ adopted by the United States authorities, to a point upon
“ the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite
“ thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted,
“ signed by J. J. R. Croes, Engineer, and John Newton, Col-
“ onel of Engineers, U. S. A., in Charge of the Harlem River
“ Improvement, dated October 17, 1881; and that William M.
“ Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Pub-
“ lic Parks, is hereby designated to certify and acknowledge
“ and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary
“ of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and
“ County of New York, and one in the Department of Public
“ Parks, and to sign, on behalf of this Department, an agree-
“ ment with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for the
“ erection of said bridge and its approaches, after the form of
“ said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel
“ to the Corporation; and that consent is hereby given that a
“ railway or railways be constructed and operated upon and
“ along such bridge, and upon and along, or over or under
“ and across the several streets, avenues, places, and lands,
“ as and upon and along the route or routes and the several
“ connections thereof fixed, determined, located, and desig-
“ nated by the Commissioners heretofore, and on the 6th day

“of March, 1880, appointed by the Mayor of the City of New
 “York, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 606
 “of the Laws of 1875.

“*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be
 “and hereby is requested to take all the necessary legal
 “steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the
 “construction of said bridge and its approaches; and that all
 “costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings, and of
 “every name and nature whatsoever, incident to the acqui-
 “sition of lands, preparations for, superintendence of, and
 “building of said bridge, be borne and paid by the Subur-
 “ban Rapid Transit Company. And

• *Whereas*, The location of said bridge has been duly made
 by the filing of the maps in the respective offices named in
 said resolution,

Now, this Memorandum of Agreement, made and concluded
 this 25th day of March, in the year one thousand eight hun-
 dred and eighty-two, between the *Mayor, Aldermen, and Com-*
monalty of the City of New York, of the first part, by the
 Department of Public Parks, and the *Suburban Rapid*
Transit Company, a corporation duly organized under the
 laws of this State, and having its place of business in the
 City, County, and State of New York, party of the second
 part,

Witnesseth as follows, to wit :

That the said parties of the first part in consideration of
 the covenants and conditions herein contained on the part of
 the party of the second part, and in order to promote a means
 of communication or transit across Harlem river for pedes-
 trians, and also by means of railroads to be operated by steam-
 power in said City of New York, do hereby consent to the
 erection, and carrying on of the erection, by the Suburban
 Rapid Transit Company, and at its own expense, of a railroad
 and foot bridge across the Harlem river, at the location in
 said resolution prescribed.

In consideration whereof, the said the Suburban Rapid Transit Company doth hereby covenant and agree :

First—To enter, within four months after the execution of this instrument, upon the erection of said bridge at the site of location fixed by the maps thereof, which have been duly filed by the said Department. That said bridge structure shall be constructed as a railroad bridge for cars propelled by steam, with not less than two tracks side by side and not overlapping each other, and with ways for foot passengers, one on each side, and also conformably in all respects to the provisions and requirements of chapter 345 of the laws of the State of New York, passed May 20, 1879, and also to the specifications hereto annexed, and the plans herein referred to. The said ways for foot passengers shall be not less than six feet in width in the clear, guarded with iron railing on each side, and connected with the street by proper steps and approaches of iron on each side, which shall be roofed over and at all times open free to the public.

Second—That said bridge shall be completed within twenty-four months from the date when the erection thereof shall have been entered upon, but that the time for the completion of said bridge and its appurtenances shall not be deemed to run during any period in which the party of the second part, or its contractors, are hindered or delayed in the prosecution of said work by act of law or by the prosecution of legal proceedings.

Third—That when completed the said party of the second part shall keep and maintain said bridge and its footways and the approaches and stairways and roofs in complete order, and said footways and the approaches and stairways, except when the draw is necessarily open, shall be open for the free use of all persons desiring to pass and repass over the same on foot.

Fourth—That the use of said footways by the public, shall be under such rules, regulations, requirements and ordinances

as have been now prescribed or which may hereafter be prescribed by said Department.

Fifth—That any railway company duly authorized therefor may use said bridge for railway purposes, upon paying a compensation therefor to the party of the second part, to be fixed and ascertained upon an equitable basis.

Sixth—That said Department may appoint an Inspector, or detail any officer of said Department to the duties of such Inspector, who shall do and perform such duties in relation to the subject matter of this agreement as may be assigned to him by said Department, and that the party of the second part will well and faithfully conform and cause all persons now in its employment, or who may hereafter be in its employment, to conform to all the rules, regulations and requirements and ordinances now or hereafter prescribed by said Department relative to the use of said footways, and also to the plans, location, specifications, fixtures, equipment, and general character of said bridge, as contained in this agreement. The compensation of said Inspector so detailed during the progress of the erection of the bridge and its approaches, shall be paid by the party of the second part, upon the audit of the said Department of Public Parks to the said Inspector, at the rate of not exceeding five dollars per day.

Seventh—That it will indemnify and save harmless the said parties of the first part and said Department or any officer thereof, from all suits or proceedings to recover damages for injuries received by or through the party of the second part, its agents, servants, contractors, or employees.

Eighth—That this agreement shall bind and subsist in favor of the party of the first part and its successors, and also in favor of the successors and assigns of the party of the second part respectively.

In witness whereof, said parties of the first part have caused these presents to be subscribed by the Department of Public Parks in pursuance of the resolution aforesaid, and the party of the second part hath hereunto signed its name by its President and caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, the day and year hereinabove written.

W. M. OLLIFFE,
*Commissioner of the
Department of Public Parks.*

L. S. of Suburban Rapid
Transit Co.

THE SUBURBAN RAPID TRANSIT CO.,
By S. R. FILLEY,
*President of the
Suburban Rapid Transit Co.*

C. K. SMITH,
Secretary.

Witness as to the signatures of }
William M. Olliffe and S. R. }
Filley and C. K. Smith, }

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary Department of Public Parks.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
City and County of New York. } ss. :

On this twenty-seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, before me personally came Cornelius K. Smith, known to me to be the Secretary of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, the railway corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of New York, that he is the Secretary of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, that he knows the

corporate seal of said company, that the seal affixed to the above instrument is said corporate seal of said company, and was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said company, and that he signed his name thereto by the like order as Secretary of said company.

And the said deponent further saith, that he is acquainted with Samuel R. Filley, and knows him to be the President of the said Company ; that the signature of the said Samuel R. Filley, above described, subscribed to the said instrument, is in the genuine handwriting of said Samuel R. Filley, and was thereto subscribed by the like order of the said Board of Directors, and in the presence of said deponent.

C. K. SMITH.

Sworn to before me, this }
27th day of March, 1882. }

E. P. BARKER,
Notary Public,
N. Y. C.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
City and County of New York, } ss. :

On this 25th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, before me personally came and appeared William M. Olliffe, to me known, and known to me to be a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks, and the same individual described in and who, in behalf of said Department, executed the foregoing agreement of consent, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and in pursuance of a resolution therefor duly passed by said Department.

E. P. BARKER,
Notary Public,
N. Y. C.

General Specifications for a double-track railway bridge, with sidewalks, across the Harlem river, near Second avenue, in New York city.

The bridge will be located and constructed in general conformity with the plan hereto annexed, which is hereby declared to be a part of this specification.

There will be a swing draw, resting on a pier of masonry, and having two hundred and forty feet clear space between the piers on which the ends of the draw will rest, and with not less than one hundred and three feet clear space for each opening at low water mark.

There will be two side spans, each having a clear opening of not less than ninety feet at low water mark, and resting on masonry piers.

The height of the bridge in the clear shall be not less than twenty-four feet above the high water of spring tides, as now established by the Engineer of the United States in charge of the Harlem River Improvements.

The bridge will be a through bridge, and no part of the structures across the spaces, between the piers and abutments, shall be lower than the elevation above specified for the height of the bridge in the clear.

The foundations for the piers and abutments will rest on platforms of timber, placed at such depth below the surface of the bed of the river as to be covered by the material composing the bed of the river when the same is excavated to the depth of the improved channel required by the United States Engineer in charge.

The masonry of piers and abutments will be of sound and durable stone, suitable for first-class bridge work, faced with rock-faced ashlar and with hammer-dressed coping. The whole to be laid in hydraulic cement mortar.

The superstructure will be of wrought-iron pin-connection trusses, so placed as to accommodate two railway tracks. The ways for foot passengers shall be not less than six feet in width in the clear, guarded with iron railing on each side, with lamp-posts, lamps, pedestal and cornices, and connected with the street by proper steps and approaches of iron on each side of equal width with the footways, and at all times open free to the public, and which shall be roofed over. The design and all work of construction shall conform to the best American wrought-iron railway bridge standards.

Machinery will be provided to open and close the draw by steam power and also by hand. Gates will be provided to keep foot passengers off of the bridge while the draw is open. At all other times means will be provided for access and transit of pedestrians to and from the street at each end of the bridge and across the bridge on the sidewalks and to prevent them from entering on the railway.

Lights and signals will be provided on the most approved system, to insure protection against accidents.

DOCUMENT No. 91.

BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.

APRIL 5, 1882.

Resolved, That the agreement between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, by the Department of Public Parks, and the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, to build a bridge across the Harlem river, be printed as a document of this Board.

E. P. BARKER,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1882.

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner LANE.

“ WALES.

“ MACLEAN.

“ OLLIFFE.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, Commissioner Lane was called to the chair.

Proposals.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock, the Comptroller of the City being present, and the meeting open to the public, the Chairman, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as were present, opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, namely :

- No. 1. For regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging the sidewalks four feet wide therein, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue.
- No. 2. For regulating and grading One Hundred and Forty-second street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging the sidewalks four feet wide therein, from Willis avenue to Brook avenue.

- No. 3. For regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging the sidewalks, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue.
- No. 4. For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, with a branch in St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.
- No. 5. For laying crosswalks in Lincoln avenue, at the southerly intersection of the Southern Boulevard, and at the intersection of each street from the Southern Boulevard to and including One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street; also across each street within the aforesaid limits at the intersection of Lincoln avenue.

Regulating and Grading One Hundred and Thirty fourth Street, and also Setting Curb and Gutter Stones and Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide therein, from Third to Alexander Avenue.

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NUMBER.	CLASS OF WORK.	AMOUNT.	Jas. Everard.		Bern. C. Murray.		Jas. W. O'Grady.		Allan A. Irvine and Ed. N. Lynch.		M. A. Kellogg.		Jas. Slattery.		Jno. Slattery.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Filling	3,440 cu. yds.	\$0 75	\$2,580 00	\$0 80	\$2,752 00	\$0 65	\$2,226 00	\$0 85	\$1,204 00	\$0 60	\$2,064 00	\$0 75	\$2,580 00	\$0 75	\$2,580 00
2	Dry rubble masonry, } exclusive of re- } taining walls..... }	5 "	6 00	30 00	3 00	15 00	3 00	15 00	1 00	5 00	7 00	35 00	10 00	50 00	5 00	25 00
3	Vitrified stoneware } sewer pipe fur- } nished and laid.... }	2,000 lbs.	06	120 00	01	20 00	02	40 00	05	100 00	04	80 00	05	100 00	03	60 00
4	New curb-stone fur- } nished and set.... }	300 lin. ft.	65	195 00	60	180 00	62	186 00	90	270 00	70	210 00	65	195 00	* 70	210 00
5	Old curb-stone set....	1,525 "	12	183 00	09	137 25	05	76 25	14	213 50	13	198 25	10	152 50	+ 25	381 25
6	New gutter-stone } furnished and laid }	300 "	28	84 00	30	90 00	27	81 00	22	66 00	30	90 00	25	75 00	....	.....
7	Old gutter-stone laid.	1,525 "	06	91 50	03	45 75	04	61 00	13	198 25	08	122 00	04	61 00	....	.. ...
8	New flagging fur- } nished and laid.... }	1,700 sq. ft.	28	476 00	40	680 00	27	459 00	27	459 00	28	476 00	27	459 00	28	476 00
9	Old flagging laid.....	5,400 "	06	324 00	03	162 00	03	162 00	31	189 00	06	324 00	01	54 00	04	216 00
10	Time for completion } of work, @ \$3..... }	.....	Days 250	750 00	Days 95	285 00	Days 39	117 00	Days 45	135 00	Days 60	180 00	Days 150	450 00	Days 100	300 00
			....	\$4,833 50	....	\$4,367 00	....	\$3,433 25	....	\$2,839 75	....	\$3,779 25	....	\$4,176 50	....	\$4,248 25

* This bid includes that for items 4 and 6.

† This bid includes that for items 5 and 7.

Regulating and Grading One Hundred and Forty-second Street, and also Setting Curb and Gutter Stones and Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide therein, from Willis Avenue to Brook Avenue.

NUMBER.	CLASS OF WORK.	AMOUNT.	John Slattery.		William O'Gorman.		James Everard.		James W. O'Grady.		James Slattery.		M. A. Kellogg.		Bernard C. Murray.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Filling	6,000 cu. yds.	\$0 65	\$3,900 00	\$0 45	\$2,700 00	\$0 80	\$4,800 00	\$0 39	\$2,340 00	\$0 80	\$4,800 00	\$0 74	\$4,440 00	\$0 65	\$3,900 00
2	Earth excavation	1,300	50	650 00	25	325 00	25	325 00	35	455 00	35	455 00	28	364 00	01	18 00
3	Rock excavation	150 "	1 50	225 00	3 00	450 00	2 00	300 00	1 25	187 50	2 00	300 00	1 90	285 00	55	82 50
4	New curb-stone furnished and set	1,882 lin. ft.	* 75	1,411 50	80	1,506 60	58	1,091 56	65	1,223 30	63	1,185 66	68	1,279 76	65	1,223 30
5	Old curb-stone reset	50 "	+ 20	10 00	10	5 00	10	5 00	08	1 50	08	4 00	06	3 00	09	4 50
6	New gutter-stone furnished and laid	1,882 "	....	....	30	564 60	28	526 96	27	508 14	26	489 32	28	526 96	24	451 68
7	Old gutter-stone relaid	50 "	....	....	10	5 00	06	3 00	02	1 00	01	50	02	1 00	02	1 00
8	New flagging furnished and laid	7,770 sq. ft.	28	2,175 60	25	1,942 50	28	2,175 60	27	2,097 90	27	2,097 90	27	2,097 90	27	2,097 90
9	Old flagging relaid	60 "	05	3 00	10	6 00	07	4 20	02	1 20	02	1 20	02	1 20	08	1 80
10	Dry rubble masonry, exclusive of retaining walls	50 cu. yds.	5 00	250 00	2 50	125 00	6 00	300 00	1 50	75 00	5 00	250 00	8 00	400 00	3 50	175 00
11	Concrete in place	16 "	5 00	80 00	3 00	48 00	6 00	96 00	4 00	64 00	3 00	48 00	7 00	112 00	6 00	96 00
12	B. M. timber and plank in place	2,500 ft.	30 00	75 00	40 00	100 00	40 00	100 00	25 00	62 50	30 00	75 00	30 00	75 00	35 00	87 50
13	Vitrified stoneware in place	2,500 lbs.	08	75 00	1½	37 50	06	150 00	02	50 00	05	125 00	04	100 00	08	75 00
14	Blue stone, 3 inches thick, in place	25 sq. ft.	35	8 75	30	7 50	35	8 75	30	7 50	2 00	50 00	50	12 50	30	7 50
15	Time for completion of work, @ \$3 .....	.....	Days 100	300 00	Days 90	270 00	Days 300	900 00	Days 49	147 00	Days 170	510 00	Days 150	450 00	Days 130	390 00
			\$9,163 85	\$8,091 70	\$10,786 07	\$7,221 54	\$10,391 58	\$10,148 32	\$8,606 68

* This bid includes items 4 and 6.

† This bid includes items 5 and 7.

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Regulating and Grading One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, and also Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, and Flagging the Sidewalks, from Third to Alexander Avenue.

NUMBER.	CLASS OF WORK.	AMOUNT.	John Slattery.		Bernard C. Murray.		Jas. Everard.		James W. O'Grady.		Jas. Slattery.		Allan A. Irvine and Ed. N. Lynch.		M. A. Kellogg.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Filling	4,155 cu. yds.	\$0 75	\$3,116 25	\$0 68	\$2,825 40	\$0 70	\$2,908 50	\$0 65	\$2,700 75	\$0 55	\$2,285 25	\$0 37	\$1,537 35	\$0 60	\$2,493 00
2	Dry rubble masonry, exclusive of retaining wall.....	5 "	5 00	25 00	3 00	15 00	7 00	35 00	3 00	15 00	5 00	25 00	2 25	11 25	7 00	35 00
3	Vitrified stoneware sewer pipe furnished and laid....	2,000 lbs.	03	60 00	02	40 00	05	100 00	02	40 00	05	100 00	24	480 00	04	80 00
4	New curb-stone furnished and set....	152 lin. ft.	* 85	129 20	60	91 20	65	98 80	63	95 76	68	103 36	70	106 40	75	114 00
5	Old curb-stone reset..	1,500 "	† 20	300 00	07	105 00	12	180 00	05	75 00	03	45 00	18	270 00	13	195 00
6	New gutter-stone furnished and laid }	152 "	.....	.....	35	53 20	28	42 56	27	41 04	22	33 44	25	38 00	30	45 60
7	Old gutter-stone relaid	1,500 "	.....	.....	03	45 00	08	120 00	04	60 00	01	15 00	06	90 00	08	120 00
8	New flagging furnished and laid....	925 sq. ft.	30	277 50	42	388 50	29	268 25	27	249 75	28	259 00	29	268 25	28	259 00
9	Old flagging relaid....	5,484 "	04	219 36	03	164 52	06	329 04	03	164 52	04	27 42	06	329 04	06	329 04
10	Time for completion of work, @ \$3 ...	.....	Days 75	225 00	Days 80	240 00	Days 250	750 00	Days 39	117 00	Days 150	450 00	Days 65	195 00	Days 90	270 00
			\$4,352 31	\$3,967 82	...	\$4,332 15	\$3,558 82	...	\$3,943 47	\$3,325 29	\$3,940 64

* This bid includes items 4 and 6.

† This bid includes items 5 and 7.

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*Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth Street,
between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and*

Number.	CLASS OF WORK.	AMOUNT.	Jas. W. O'Grady.		M. P. H. Casey.		Jas. Everard.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	18-inch pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections.....	541 lin. ft.	\$3 22	\$1,742 02	\$3 65	\$1,974 65	\$3 50	\$1,893 50
2	12-inch pipe sewer, exclusive of spurs for house connections, includ- ing also culverts.	268 lin. ft.	1 65	442 20	2 90	777 20	3 40	911 20
3	Spurs for house connections over and above cost per foot pipe sewer.....	93	01	93	20	18 60	25	23 25
4	Receiving basins complete	2	100 00	200 00	300 00	600 00	275 00	550 00
5	Manholes complete	9	40	360 00	65 00	585 00	55 00	495 00
6	Rock to be exca- vated and re- moved.....	125 cub.yds.	01	1 25	7 00	8 75	4 00	500 00
7	B. M. Lumber fur- nished and laid..	1,000 feet.	01	01	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
8	Concrete in place.	2 cub. yds.	10 00	20 00	7 00	14 00	7 00	14 00
9	Time for comple- tion of work at at \$4.00 per day.	.....	Days. 27	108 00	Days. 30	120 00	Days. 160	640 00
			.....	\$2,874 41	.....	\$5,004 45	.....	\$5,066 95

between Brook and St. Ann's Avenues, with a Branch in St. Ann's Avenue, One Hundred and Forty-seven Streets.

Jas. Slattery.		Vincent Clark.		B. C. Murray.		John Slattery.		Bernard Mahon.	
Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
\$7 00	\$37 87	\$3 95	\$2,136 95	\$3 50	\$1,898 50	\$4 00	\$2,164 00	\$2 38	\$1,387 58
5 50	14 74	3 00	804 00	2 00	536 00	3 50	938 00	1 97	527 96
50	46 50	25	23 25	20	18 60	3 00	279 00	1 05	97 65
150 00	300 00	150 00	300 00	155 00	310 00	175 00	350 00	225 00	450 00
50 00	450 00	50 00	450 00	50 00	450 00	25 00	225 00	360 00	720 00
4 50	562 50	01	1 25	4 00	500 00	4 00	500 00	1 75	218 75
23 00	23 00	30 00	30 00	32 00	32 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	30 00
7 00	14 00	6 00	12 00	6 00	12 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	12 00
Days. 155	620 00	Days. 37	148 00	Days. 75	300 00	Days. 40	160 00	Days. 45	180 00
.....	\$7,277 00	.....	\$3,905 45	.....	\$4,052 10	.....	\$4,646 00	.....	\$3,523 94

Laying Crosswalks in Lincoln Avenue, from Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street.

NUMBER.	CLASS OF WORK.	AMOUNT.	James Everard.		James Slattery.		John Slattery.		Vincent Clark.		Bernard C. Murray.		M. A. Kellogg.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	New bridge-stones furnished and laid.....	2,990 sq. ft.	\$0 55	\$1,644 50	\$0 95	\$2,840 50	\$1 25	\$4,096 50	\$0 57	\$1,704 30	\$0 55	\$1,644 50	\$0 64	\$1,918 60
2	Time for completion of work, @ \$3.....	.....	Days 40	120 00	Days 50	150 00	Days 20	60 00	Days 19	57 00	Days 30	90 00	Days 20	60 00
			....	\$1,764 50	....	\$2,990 50	....	\$4,096 50	....	\$1,761 30	....	\$1,734 50	....	\$1,973 60

The Comptroller then retired.

The minutes of the previous meetings held March 15 and 24 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting copies of the following resolutions adopted by said Board and approved by the Mayor :

135th and 139th streets - Repairs to sidewalks.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of Public Parks be called to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk on the southerly side of East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, east of Third avenue, and of the sidewalk on the southerly side of East One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, east of Third avenue, and that they be and are hereby requested to cause the same to be put in proper order.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Samuel street drain.

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of Public Parks be called to the dangerous condition of the drain across Samuel street, between Chestnut and Catherine streets, and that they be and are hereby requested to cause the same to be repaired.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Third avenue sidewalks—width of.

Whereas, Section 97 of article VII. of chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1880, provides that in all streets of the City of New York, of the width of eighty feet, the sidewalks shall be nineteen feet wide ; and

Whereas, The sidewalks of Third avenue, an eighty-foot street, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, do not conform with the provisions of the aforesaid ordinance, but between the Harlem river and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street are made fifteen feet wide in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 16, 1879, and approved by the Mayor, September 29, 1879, and above said One Hundred and Forty-seventh street the curb and gutter stones on said avenue are now, and have been for many years, set for sidewalks of the width of fifteen feet, but without proper authority therefor ; and

Whereas, The widening of said sidewalks and the resetting of the curb and gutter stones on said avenue, in conformity with the provisions of said Ordinances of 1880, would not only cause a great inconvenience to the public, but also involve a heavy expense upon the property-owners along said avenue and the city at large ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the width of the sidewalks on both sides of Third avenue,

between the Harlem river and Pelham avenue, be and is hereby established at a uniform width of fifteen feet.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

143d street—Regulating, etc.

Resolved, That East One Hundred and Forty-third street, between the easterly curb-line of Willis avenue and the westerly curb-line of Brook avenue, be regulated and graded, the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, where not heretofore flagged, and that curb and gutter stones be set, where not heretofore set, within the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

149th street—Regulating, etc.

Resolved, That East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between the easterly curb-line of Third avenue and the westerly curb-line of the Southern Boulevard, be regulated and graded; that the sidewalks on said street, between said limits, be flagged a space four feet wide, where not heretofore flagged, and that curb and gutter stones be set, where not heretofore set, within the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Boston road—Repairs to.

Whereas, A petition, numerously signed by the residents, tax-payers, and business men of the Twenty-fourth Ward, has been presented to this Board, setting forth the need of immediate repair to the Boston road, on account of its neglected and dangerous condition, and consequent injury to business and property in that part of the city; be it therefore

Resolved, That the said petition be forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Parks, who are charged by law with the maintenance and repairs of the public highways in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that said Commissioners be and they are most earnestly requested to grant the prayer of said petitioners by causing said Boston road to be put in good order as soon as possible.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Bradley, Anna M.—To flag sidewalk.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Anna M. Bradley to flag, curb, and gutter the sidewalk in front of her premises, situated on the northerly side of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, commencing two hundred feet easterly from Willis avenue, the work done at her own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

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Schrenk, G.—To flag sidewalk.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Gottfreid Schrenk to flag the sidewalk and set the curb and gutter stones in front of his premises, on the southerly side of East One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between Third and Courtland avenues, said premises being known as Lot No. 539, on Map of Melrose South, in the Twenty-third Ward, the work done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Counsel to Corporation—Opinion—Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, returning with his approval the form of agreement with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for the erection of a bridge across Harlem river at Second avenue.

Commissioner LANE moved that said communication be entered at length upon the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, 24th March, 1882.

E. P. BARKER, Esq.,

Secretary of the Park Department :

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst., transmitting copies of resolutions in relation to form of agreement for the erection of a bridge across the Harlem river, at or near Second avenue, by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company, adopted by the Board of the Department of Parks on the 15th inst., and three copies of the proposed agreement, which you state are trans-

mitted to me for my approval. The resolutions transmitted to me are as follows :

“ *Resolved*, That consent is hereby given to the location and erection of a railroad and foot bridge across the Harlem river, from a point at or near the terminus of the Second avenue in the City of New York, and at right angles to the courses of the proposed improved channel of said river as heretofore determined by this Department, and since adopted by the United States authorities, to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river, opposite thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted and signed by J. J. R. Croes, Engineer, and John Newton, Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the Harlem river improvement, dated October 17, 1881; and that William M. Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, is hereby designated to certify and acknowledge and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and one in the Department of Public Parks, and to sign, on behalf of this Department, an agreement with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company for the erection of said bridge and its approaches, after the form of said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation; and that consent is hereby given that a railway or railways be constructed and operated upon and along such bridge and upon and along or over or under and across the several streets, avenues, places, and lands, as and upon and along the route or routes and the several connections thereof, fixed, determined, located, and designated by the Commissioners heretofore and on the 6th day of March, 1880, appointed by the Mayor of the City of New York, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875;

“ *Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the construction of said bridge and its approaches; and that all costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings, and of every name and nature whatsoever, incident to the acquisition of lands, preparation for, superintendence of, and building of said bridge be borne and paid by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company;

“ Resolved, That the agreement herewith submitted by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company is approved by the Board, and ordered to be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval as to form.”

In the case of the construction of the rapid transit bridge over the Harlem river at Eighth avenue, Mr. Charles O’Conor wrote an opinion that either through the action of the Rapid Transit Commissioners, under the powers conferred by chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, or through the action of the Department of Parks, the right could be conferred for the construction of rapid transit bridges over the Harlem river.

In that case the Rapid Transit Commissioners having acted, the Park Department was requested to supplement it by conferring such authority as was possible for them to confer.

The resolutions authorizing the construction of the bridge were adopted by the Department, and a contract drawn under the resolutions was submitted to me for my approval as to form.

I retransmitted the same to the Department with my indorsement thereon, and a communication dated January 27, 1880, to the effect that the contract was in legal and proper form to express the provisions embodied in the resolutions.

In this case, I am apprised that the Suburban Rapid Transit Company have obtained whatever authority a Rapid Transit Commission appointed under the aforesaid act, chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, can confer, and, under similar circumstances, my approval is requested for the form of contract submitted.

I have examined the same, and find that it is in legal and proper form to embody the provisions contained in the resolutions of the Department submitted, and I therefore transmit the same with my indorsement thereon.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

Counsel to Corporation—Opinion on street openings.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting his opinion as to the powers of this Department to enter upon

the lands within the lines of streets and avenues included in the proceedings for opening One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and other streets and Sedgwick avenue, and to sell the buildings and other structures thereon before the awards for the same have been paid.

Commissioner LANE moved that said opinion be entered at length upon the minutes.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Col. Clark—Injury to Seventh Regiment Monument.

From Col. Emmons Clark, relative to the injury done the Seventh Regiment Monument in Central Park.

Laid over.

Courtland avenue—Grade of.

From W. Winklet, F. J. Dillemath, and others, relative to the grade of Courtland avenue.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to report.

Skinner, Mrs.—Commending conduct of Parkkeeper McGrath.

From Mrs. K. Skinner, commending the conduct of Parkkeeper McGrath, in extinguishing a fire at her residence on Fifty-ninth street.

Ordered filed.

Holley, Alex. Lyman—Statue of.

From R. W. Raymond, Secretary of a Joint Committee composed of Committees from several Societies of Engineers, desiring permission to erect a statue of the late Alexander Lyman Holley upon the Central Park.

Referred to Commissioners MacLean and Wales to examine and report.

McQuade, John—Madison Avenue Bridge.

From John McQuade, contractor, in relation to work on the Madison Avenue Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, referred to Commissioner Wales to report.

Miller, W. B.—Planting Fourth avenue parks.

From W. B. Miller, relative to planting upon the Fourth avenue parks.

On motion, said communication was ordered filed and the Secretary directed to reply to the same.

Everard, James—Work on roads Manhattan square.

From James Everard, contractor, in relation to the delay in work of constructing roads into Manhattan Square, caused by the neglect of the Engineer to furnish plans, etc.

Ordered filed.

Automatic Gas Lamps—Central Park.

From the Automatic Gas Lamp and Lighting Company, in relation to lamps in Central Park.

Commissioner LANE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to notify the Automatic Gas Lamp and Lighting Company to remove their lamps and lamp-posts from the Central Park forthwith.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved, as a substitute, that the Auditing Committee be directed to report to the Board what obligation, if any, has been incurred by this Department to the Automatic Gas Lamp and Lighting Company.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion of Commissioner Lane, and it was

determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean—2.

McKillopp, J. D. M.—For employment.

From William Cauldwell, W. W. Niles, and others, recommending J. D. M. Killop for employment.

Ordered filed.

Wentworth, Thomas F.—To make copies of papers.

From Thomas F. Wentworth, desiring to make an inspection and take copies of the papers on file in relation to the agreement with the Suburban Rapid Transit Company.

Ordered filed.

Dodworth, H. B.—Music.

From H. B. Dodworth, desiring to furnish music for the Central Park concerts during the coming season.

Ordered filed.

Saunders, S. M.—To lease Mount St. Vincent.

From S. M. Saunders, applying for a lease of the grounds, etc., at Mount St. Vincent on the Central Park.

Referred to the Committee having the subject in charge.

Merchant, S. L. & Co.—Cement.

From S. L. Merchant & Co., in relation to the storage of cement.

Ordered filed.

Sewer 149th street—Application.

From Wm. Miller, G. C. Glacius, and other property-owners, applying for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Vermilye, W. G.—To move boiler.

From W. G. Vermilye, Treasurer Union India Rubber Co., relative to moving a large boiler over the Third Avenue Bridge.

Permission granted, under the supervision of the Acting Engineer of Construction.

Gaunt, James—To pass through Central Park.

From James Gaunt, desiring permission to enter the Central Park after the hour for closing at night.

Ordered filed.

Secretary—Money deposited.

The Secretary presented a statement of the money deposited by him with the Comptroller, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Statement and return of moneys made to Comptroller, March 15, 1882.

LICENSES.

1882.		
Feb'y	9. Isidor Isaac, carrousel and goat carriages.....	\$4 38
	10. Columbus Ryan, refreshments, Central Park.....	73 05
March	8. Isidor Isaac, carrousel and goat carriages.....	6 76
	8. John Wright, swings.....	2 05
	9. C. Schwarz, refreshments, High Bridge Hotel....	158 46
	9. Mrs. B. L. Schedler, refreshments, High Bridge Hotel.....	12 18
	10. Columbus Ryan, refreshments, Central Park.....	115 12
	10. John Lucas, donkey service.....	1 37
		\$373 37

PERMITS.

Feb'y	15. Mrs. E. Houston, sewer connection.....	\$10 00
	20. W. Hill, ".....	10 00
March	1. Mrs. Rosanna Brown, ".....	10 00
	1. John A. Hardy, ".....	40 00
	8. F. H. Ehrsam, ".....	10 00
		80 00

SPECIAL FUND—REPAVING, ETC.

Feb'y	20. F. Cramme, permit 264.....	10 00
		\$463 37

Captain Beaty—Seventh Regiment Monument.

From Captain Beaty, in relation to the injury done the Seventh Regiment Monument on the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Acting Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

1st. Reporting upon the works in progress under his charge.

Ordered filed.

2d. Reporting the temporary suspensions of men and teams during stormy weather.

Approved.

Inspector of Westchester avenue swing bridge.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, in relation to returning the time of the Inspector on the Westchester avenue swing bridge.

On motion, the Acting Engineer of Construction was directed to return only half of the time of said Inspector as chargeable to the city.

Health Department—Drainage maps.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting a copy of the map and technical descriptions of land directed to be drained by the Health Department, for the use of the Counsel to the Corporation in making application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

Referred to the Secretary to transmit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Plans for Superstructure.

From Alfred P. Boller, presenting the working drawings for the superstructure of the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Laid over.

Bronx river bridges—Contract of N. F. Jones.

From Alfred P. Boller, reporting upon the work done under the contract with N. F. Jones for the construction of four bridges over the Bronx river.

Ordered filed.

Port Morris District map.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting a revised plan for laying out the Port Morris District.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, said plan was referred to a Committee of two to examine and report.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioners MacLean and Wales as such Committee.

House numbers 23d and 24th Wards.

From George C. Goeller, relative to the numbering of houses in the Twenty-third Ward.

Ordered filed.

French Fair—Loan of plants.

From C. Renauld, President of Société Française de Bienfaisance, desiring the loan of ornamental plants to decorate their hall on the occasion of a ladies' fair.

Referred to the Superintending Gardener, with power.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables.	Maint Zool. Dept.	\$228 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal.	Const. Bdgs. over Harlem river...	2 75
Benoit, A. V., drawing pens.	Morningside P'k, Impt. of.....	1 20

Bullinger, E. W., subscriptions to Monitor Guide	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		\$6 00
Central Gas-light Co., gas	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		90
Coffin, Paul C., hay-cutter parts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		12 00
Coffin, Paul C., screw-wrench	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. and Maint.....		2 75
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., steel wire.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		3 44
Donaldson, Jos., gas joints and wicks..	Labor. Maint. and Supplies.		3 60
Early & Lane, brooms, cuspadors, etc..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$57 84	
	Maint. Zool. Dept. Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	23	
		23	58 30
George, Chas. T., oiled horse covers....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		84 00
Gibson, Wm., stone boats	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		24 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		43 42
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		7 80
Holbrook Bros., glass.....	Bronx Riv. Bdgs.		1 72
Keuffel & Esser, protractor.....	Morningside P'k, Impt. of		26 00
Keuffel and Esser, drawing paper.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		21 20
Smith E. Lane, personal expenses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		75 00
McAllister, F. E., bird seed.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		12 00
McNab and Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.		33 84
McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$101 75	
	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....	1 75	

	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps. Impt. and Maint.....	\$7 00	
			\$110 50
McClave, E.W. & Co., Georgia pine....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		173 12
McKesson and Robbins, chamois, soda, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		14 00
Manhattan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		18 67
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		94 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves, pipe, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		302 12
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels.....	Bronx River Bdgs.		24 20
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, pump and fit- tings.....	Sewers & Drains, Cleaning, etc..		18 17
Moffat, David & Co., harness leather....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 41
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses, Mus. Nat. Hist.	Maint. Museums.		1,407 45
Murray, Bernard C., Estimate No. 1...	Regulating, Grad- ing, etc., 153d st., from west curb line 3d ave. to east curb line 4th ave.....		1,470 00
Murray, P., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		28 03
Newell, D. C., & Sons, ground shavings.	Maint. Zool. Dept.		6 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		46 13
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		13 44
Otis and Gorsline, drain pipe.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		75 00
Otis and Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Riverside Park and ave., Maint. of.....		120 00
Otis and Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Sewers and Drains, Cleaning, etc..		20 40

Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, oils, etc. Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	\$254 75
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., putty & paint.. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.	\$72 54
Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	72 28
	144 82
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., mocking bird food.....	12 00
Rohrey, John, repairing.....	6 25
24th Wards....	
Rubber Clothing Co., horse covers....	10 62
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	8 40
Maint. Zool. Dept.	
Seymour, W. N. & Co., sundries.....	27 96
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
Seymour, W. N. & Co., oil cans and putty knives.	2 83
Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	
Seaman, John A., tallow.....	5 50
Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	
Stewart, A. T. & Co., dry goods, etc....	7 00
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
Schoolfield, R. L., brand and stencil plates.....	4 10
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
Schoonmaker, S. A., varnish, etc.....	63 50
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
Sloane, W. & J., linoleum.....	39 89
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
Tatham & Brothers, lead pipe.....	19 88
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
White, C. W., spruce plank and maple..	491 42
Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	
White, C. W., spruce.....	\$20 46
Manhattan Sq., Impt. of.....	
Maint. Zool. Dept.	46 30
	66 76

White, C. W., Georgia pine and joists..Harlem R. Bdgs.,		
Reps., Impt. &		
Maint	\$229	38
Labor, Maint. and		
Supplies.....	13	75
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		\$243 13
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. Zool Dept.	51 03
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		<u>\$6,056 90</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$1,955	50
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	377	40
Maintenance Museums.....	1,407	45
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	22	21
Riverside Park and Avenue, Maintenance of.....	120	00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main-		
tenance.....	574	72
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	35	18
Bronx River Bridges.....	25	92
Sewers and Drains—Cleaning, etc.....	38	57
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	27	20
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	2	75
Regulating, Grading, etc., 153d street, from west curb-		
line Third avenue to east curb-line Fourth avenue....	1,470	00
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		\$6,056 90

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand and fifty-six dollars and ninety cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 4, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Am. Horse Exchange (Limited), horse. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$193 50
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Amounting to the sum of one hundred and ninety-three dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 5, 1882.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Marquand, H. G., Treasurer, expenses, Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums..	\$1,383 16
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disburse- ments.....	Const. Bridges over Harlem River..	3 39
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disburse- ments.....	Surveying, Laying- out, etc., Mak- ing Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$49 94
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	19 19
	Bronx R. Bdgs...	1 85
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		\$1,457 53

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance Museums.....	\$1,383 16
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards.....	49 94
Surveys, Maps, and Plans.....	19 19
Bronx River Bridges.....	1 85
Constructing Bridges over Harlem River.....	3 39
	————— \$1,457 53

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-three cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 5, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Baylis, H. H. & Co., ventilators.....	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	\$120 00
Burke, Peter, filling.....	Manhattan Sq. Impt., 1881....	250 00
Christern, F. W., Sub. to Zool. Garden.	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	3 00
Fairbanks & Co., beam and attachments.	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881....	40 00
Guilfoyle, Keran J., repairs to wagon..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	115 00
Gutta-Percha and Rubber Mfg. Co., rubber valves.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	24 00

McDonnell, Peter, coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	\$351 27
	Maint. Zool. Dept., 1881.....	206 00
	Manhattan Sq. Impt., 1881....	88
	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881....	36 05
	Harlem R. Bdgs., Reps. Impt. & Maint., 1881...	2 45
		<hr/> \$596 65
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., gauge glasses.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	1 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stove and water-closet.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	56 50
Van Revis, Chas., putting up stove, etc.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.	4 40
White, Chas. W., pine lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies, 1881..	787 48
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1881.....	\$1,335 75
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1881.....	329 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of, 1881.....	250 88
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1881.....	4 40
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 1881.....	76 05
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Main- tenance.....	2 45
	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,998 53

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-three cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
W. M. OLLIFFE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 4, 1882.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board do now

approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Seventh avenue bridge, Harlem river.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That in view of the necessity of making provision for the erection of a new bridge across the Harlem river at or near Seventh avenue, to connect with Jerome avenue, the Acting Engineer of Construction be requested to report to this Board, as soon as practicable, what work has been done towards making plans and estimates for the construction of a bridge at the point mentioned.

Ticket system.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the so-called "ticket system" of appointment be abolished in this Department, and that the selection of laborers hereafter be made for work south of Harlem river at the office of the Department, 36 Union Square, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Wednesdays, and for work north of Harlem river at the office of the Department in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Third avenue, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Saturdays.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Senate and Assembly Bills.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby authorized to procure, for the use of the Department, complete files of printed bills

before the Senate and Assembly during the present session, at an expense not exceeding \$50.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Bronx river bridges—Bill for temporary bridges.

Commissioner MACLEAN presented a bill from N. F. Jones, amounting to \$650, for one-half of the amount of the cost of constructing temporary bridges over the Bronx river, at Boston road and Westchester avenue.

Commissioner WALES moved that said bill be approved and sent to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Museum of Art—Annual Report.

A copy of the Twelfth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art was received and ordered filed.

Mott Haven Canal Bridge.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of examining and reporting upon the condition of the bridge over the Mott Haven Canal, at One Hundred and Sixty-second street, made a verbal report stating that he had directed the Acting Engineer of Construction to examine said bridge, who had reported the same as being in a safe condition, although not as convenient for pedestrians as it should be.

Which report was accepted and Commissioner Wales discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Schultz, C. H.—Lease.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the application of C. H. Schultz for a renewal of his license for the sale of mineral waters in Central Park, made a verbal report recommending that said application be granted, and moved that a new license for three be given C. H. Schultz, upon the same terms and conditions as heretofore, and that the Chairman be authorized to sign said lease on behalf of this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Artesian Wells.

Commissioner WALES, to whom was referred the subject of artesian wells in the Central Park, for the purpose of obtaining a better supply of water for the lakes, reported progress.

Assessment lists.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named assessment lists for constructing receiving basins, culverts, and manholes in Third avenue, between Harlem river and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, and for filling and fencing sunken lots on the northeasterly corner of Fulton avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, and also the several statements of the amounts and cost of the work therein mentioned, be approved and signed by the Commissioners of the Department and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Certiorari—Second Avenue Railroad Company.

The CHAIRMAN laid before the Board copies of a petition and writ of certiorari, entitled "Supreme Court—The People, *ex rel.* Second Avenue Railroad Company of the City of New York *vs.* Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York," and stated that the said papers had been transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Which action was approved, and, on motion of Commissioner LANE, the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to appear on behalf of the Board.

Trials Park and Gatekeepers.

Commissioner MACLEAN, to whom were referred for trial the charges made against members of the Park and Gatekeepers force, presented testimony taken in the trials of certain keepers, and recommended, as follows :

Seymour, Henry.

1st. That Parkkeeper Henry Seymour be dismissed from the force.

Laid over.

Cunningham, Michael E.

2d. That Parkkeeper Michael E. Cunningham be fined one day's pay.

Laid over.

Higgins, Gilbert.

3d. That Gatekeeper Gilbert Higgins be fined one-half day's pay.

Laid over.

Russell, John.

4th. That Parkkeeper John Russell be directed to appear before the Surgeon for physical examination.

Adopted.

Farrell, Ann—To remove.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Ann Farrell, in charge of Ladies' Cottage in Union Square, be removed, and that Mary Collins be appointed in her place, at the pay of one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Executive Session.

Pending the consideration of the above resolution, on motion of Commissioner WALES, the Board went into executive session, when the consideration of said resolution was resumed.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Farrell, Ann—Removal.
Sinnott, Bridget—Appointment.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Ann Farrell be requested to resign from the position of attendant at cottage at Union Square, and that Bridget Sinnott be and is hereby appointed to succeed said Ann Farrell.

Commissioner LANE moved a division of the question.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as offered by Commissioner MacLean,

and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

23d and 24th Wards—Report of Acting Superintendent—Improvements.

A report was received from the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, submitting, in accordance with the order of the Board of January 25, 1882, a plan for the improvement of the streets, roads, and avenues in the annexed district, with a view to an equitable distribution of the appropriation, in accordance with the relative valuation and taxation of the different localities, and recommending the employment of a suitable working force for that purpose.

Laborers, etc., authorized for work.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four foremen, sixteen double teams, and eighty laborers is hereby authorized for work in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe are hereby authorized to select the same for appointment.

Commissioner LANE moved to strike out that part of the resolution making a reference to Commissioners Wales and Olliffe.

Acting Superintendent to select employees.

Commissioner WALES moved, as an amendment, that the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to select persons for appointment.

Acting Superintendent—Inexpedient to give him power.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved, as a substitute to the amendment—

That, inasmuch as the appointment of laborers by the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards would expose him to embarrassment and jealousies in the District ; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to give him greater power than now conferred upon him of summary suspension of negligent or improper employees.

The CHAIRMAN decided said substitute out of order.

Commissioner MACLEAN appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would sustain the decision of the Chairman, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute as offered by Commissioner MacLean, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment as offered by Commissioner Lane, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said original resolution as offered by Commissioner MacLean, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Settlement of foundation.

A communication was received from the Acting Engineer of Construction, in reference to hastening the settlement of the foundation of the east abutment of the Madison Avenue Bridge in order to facilitate the progress of the work.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction is hereby authorized to employ a pile-driver, not exceeding twenty days, to be used in settling the foundation of the east abutment of the Madison Avenue Bridge, at an expense not exceeding \$500.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Laborers—Employment of.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That Patrick Byrnes, Patrick Nevins, James Valles, and Richard W. Morgan are hereby appointed laborers on the parks.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Manhattan Square—Employment of laborers.

A communication was received from the Architect, recommending the employment of laborers for work on Manhattan Square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twenty-four laborers for work on Manhattan Square is hereby authorized.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to amend said resolution by adding thereto, "and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select such persons for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner MacLean—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as offered by Commissioner Lane, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales—2.

Noes—Commissioners MacLean, Olliffe—2.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twenty-four laborers for work on Manhattan Square is hereby authorized, and that Commissioners Olliffe and Wales be empowered to select such men.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Beaty, Captain—Force of Keepers.

A communication was received from Captain Beaty, recommending an increase of the force of Keepers and the appointment of an additional Sergeant.

Parkkeepers—Examination of.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That Captain Beaty be directed to notify one-fourth of the Parkkeepers to appear before him at the Arsenal for examination as to their fitness for promotion to the office of Sergeant, at 4 in the afternoon of Saturday, 8th instant, and a like number, at the same hour and place, on the 11th, 13th, and 15th instant.

Document 91—Authorized printed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the agreement between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, by the Department of Public Parks and the Surburban Rapid Transit Company, to build a bridge across the Harlem river, be printed as a document of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

(See Document No. 91.)

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of laborers for work on the parks, the watering of Riverside avenue, the pay of Patrick Smith.

Laborers—Employment authorized.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of twenty-four laborers for work on the parks is hereby authorized.

Commissioner MACLEAN moved to amend said resolution by adding thereto, "and that Commissioners Wales and Olliffe be authorized to select suitable persons for appointment."

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

O'Neil, John—Reduced to rank of Gatekeeper.

A communication was received from Dr. Marsh, Police Surgeon, stating that Parkkeeper John O'Neil has recovered sufficiently to be placed on light duty.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That John O'Neil be reduced from the rank of Parkkeeper to that of Gatekeeper, and that Captain Beaty assign him to duty accordingly.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, Olliffe—3.

Damage done to Parks at night.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, calling attention to the damage done in the parks at night.

Ordered filed.

Carpenters—Pay of fixed.

Commissioner WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of carpenters be fixed at \$3 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Seymour, Richard—Leave of absence.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that leave of absence for one week, without pay, be granted to Richard Seymour, on account of his sickness.

Granted.

Scott, Joseph—License.

On motion of Commissioner WALES, it was

Resolved, That a license for Joseph Scott to hire baby carriages on the Central Park be granted for one year from May 1, next.

Riverside avenue—Sprinklers appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

Resolved, That Thomas Horey, John Readding, and James Lytell, with double teams and monitor sprinklers, are hereby appointed for work, sprinkling Riverside avenue, at \$5.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—4.

Jerome avenue—Sprinkling.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to sprinkle Jerome avenue during the coming season, and that the purchase of two monitor sprinklers, for use in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, is hereby authorized.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Noe—Commissioner Wales—1.

Madison square—Permits revoked.

On motion of Commissioner MACLEAN, it was

Resolved, That all permits heretofore granted by this Department for trucks or carts to stand on the streets and avenues surrounding Madison Square, be and they are hereby revoked.

Parsons, Samuel Jr.—Appointed.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That Samuel Parsons, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed Superintendent of Planting, without salary.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

Noe—Commissioner Lane—1.

Permits and requisitions—Commissioner MacLean to sign.

Commissioner WALES stated that he proposed being absent from the city during the coming spring and summer from time to time, and offered the following :

Resolved, That during the temporary absence of Commissioner Wales, Commissioner MacLean be authorized to sign permits and requisitions for supplies and materials.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Korn, Julius—For appointment.

An application, received from Julius Korn for appointment as foreman, was ordered filed.

Moore, E. A.—To hire boats.

An application, received from Edward A. Moore for a license to hire boats on the Lake at the Central Park, was referred to Commissioner Olliffe.

Lenny, William—Pay of.

Commissioner OLLIFFE offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of William Lenny be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Restorations.

Commissioner MACLEAN offered the following :

Resolved, That John Shay, painter, M. J. Devine and Jarvis Dawson, laborers, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner OLLIFFE, at 3 o'clock, the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

Secretary.